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Who, with discrimination true,
Seats well dressed strangers in a pew
Well down the center in full view?
The usher.

Who, with a like discernment, knows
The poorer strangers by their clothes
And pus them in the rearmost rows?
The usher.

Who, when he thinks the air is close,
Will open windows and expose
Us to the draught that through them blows?
The usher.

Who then, with much conspicuous care
Will close the windows 'mid the stare
Of all the congregation there?
The usher.

Who is the center of all eyes,
But yet to act unconscious tries,
And wears the latest thing in ties?
The usher.

Who is it that the girls all know,
For whom they off preferment show,
Add long to have him for their beau?
The usher.

Who in all doings has a share?
Whom could the ladies never spare
Who sells the tickets at the fair?
The usher.

Who, though with follies now beset
These affectations will forget,
And make a right good fellow yet?
The usher.

—Inter Ocean.

A DEATHBED MARRIAGE

Confidential Revelation of Miss Grigg's Strange Illness.

"Yes, miss, certainly. I lived with Mrs. Birch—Miss Grigg that was before she married Mr. Birch. I knew all about that affair. It was very singular indeed—very. I'm not sure that I ought to mention it, for if a lady's maid can't hold her tongue she can't find good places. Dear me, I'm no talker. I'm as mum as a mouse. Bushels of pearl powder and quarts of rouge have I applied with my own hands, and never so much as hinted at. As for cotton, bless your heart, I've never breathed about it, and I did live with a lady once that took arsenic regularly for her complexion. Thats no secret, for she took too much one day by accident and died.

"There was an inquest and it all came out. It's well it did, for suspicion pointed to her husband. Somehow, it always seems to strike a jury that a husband is the likeliest person to wish his wife out of the way. But this isn't anything about paint. Miss Griggs, being on the stage, made no secret of that. She played queens and such, miss. I've often had tickets given me and gone with my young man to see her act. And when she was haughty and curled her nose like, miss, and looked at other folks over her shoulder, and talked away down in her throat like a pigeon gurgling, she was splendid, miss. It made think how nice it would be to be a queen and to take airs over everybody.

"Well, Miss Grigg was engaged to be married. Mr. Birch had fallen in love with her when she was playing Hamlet's ma. Perhaps you have seen the play, miss? The young man objects to his ma getting married the second time, so I seemed to make out, and acted most impertinent, giving sass to his ma and his step-pa, and carrying on awful. And there was a poor young lady quite out of her mind that afterward got drowned.

"Well, she was playing Hamlet's ma and Mr. Birch fell in love with her and sent her a letter, and called and made an offer all in no time. She accepted him, of course, and the preparations for the wedding began. I don't think any lady ever had so many dresses before. Silks and satins and velvets and laces. Dear me, Mme. ——'s whole establishment was hard at work for a month, and if I'd had twenty fingers, instead of ten, I'd have had use for them all.

At last everything was finished. The trunks were packed, fifteen of 'em, miss, and fourteen were to go on that afternoon, and one—the one with the wedding and traveling dresses—was, of course, to be left and go with the bride when she started next day. She was to be married at ten o'clock in church and then drive home, have a splendid breakfast, change her dress and catch the three o'clock train. Of course I saw to the trunks, and was very careful; but just when I was needed most, just as the trunks was going downstairs, Miss Grigg called me.

"Miss Grigg was a lady who didn't like to wait. I went to her at once, miss, as was my duty, and I said to Bridget Duster, the chambermaid:

"'Bridget, watch that black trunk and see that the men don't carry it off.'

"Bridget understood with her elbows, of course, miss, and after I had been to the land's end for two yards of blue ribbon of exactly such a shade as she wanted and got back I found that she had sent off the black trunk first of all, and was very proud of having been so careful. The trunks were all miles away by that time. There was nothing for it but to tell Miss Grigg. She flew at me, miss. I don't blame her for being angry. I would forgive her in such a case. She flew at me violent, miss; and then, miss, she had spasms. She beat the sofa, she tore her hair, she screeched, and me all the while saying:

"'Remember your eyes, miss. Think how you'll look. Your nose is swelling dreadful, miss.'

"Finally she came to and bathed her face. And says she:

"'Flora, what—shall—I do?'

"'I don't know, miss,' said I, 'unless you put off the wedding until you telegraph for the trunk.'

"'No,' said she, 'that's unlucky; besides, one never knows. None ain't to be depended on.'

"'You might borrow a dress,' said I.

"'As if I'd be married in one that didn't fit me,' said she. 'Stop, don't speak a word. I've an idea.'

"She sat with one finger on her lip for awhile. Then she said:

"'My embroidered dressing-gown. The white one! That's here?'

"'In the bureau, miss,' said I.

"'Very well,' said she. 'I'll be married in that. Telegraph for the trunk, Flora.'

"'The white dressing-gown, miss?' said I, nearly astonished out of my senses.

"'Yes,' said she, 'the white dressing-gown, goose; you don't think I'm going to be married in church in that. I won't put off the wedding, and I won't stand up before a crowd in anything but my white satin dress! But I'll be married at the appointed hour for all that. So telegraph for my trunk and come back soon.'

"When I came back I found Miss Grigg in bed and the doctor sent for. He was puzzled. I could see that. He couldn't tell what was the matter, and Miss Grigg was too faint to speak. He questioned me. I said she had been very much agitated. He prescribed something and went off, bidding me send for him if she seemed worse. The evening papers published the report that Miss Grigg was dangerously ill, and Mr. Birch came to the hotel in a terrible fright, as pale as a sheet, to ask how she was. I took him down 'her love, and she was very ill.'

"Then Miss Grigg said to the ladies who came in: 'Leave me with my faithful Flora,' and we were left alone. I can't say that I was surprised when she sat up in bed and said briskly:

"'Lock the door, Flora. I'm sick of lying on my back. I've taken them in, haven't I? You see what I am about now?'

"'Exactly, miss,' said I, 'to be too ill to be married when the time comes.'

"'No,' said she, 'to be ill enough to be married in the white dressing-gown. I'm going to be married on my dying-bed, Flora.'

"I gave a screech and she laughed, and then she made a supper of sardines and biscuits and wine, and she threw the medicine out of the window. Early next day the doctor came. I answered his question as to what sort of a night his patient had passed by saying she had been 'much the same.' And then I took a little note she had written to Mr. Birch.

"I knew what was in it. She told him that rather than leave the world without keeping her vow to him she would be married on her dying-bed. I powdered her up well, miss, and dressed her in the embroidered dressing-gown, with tuberoses at the throat. I pulled down the green shades and darkened the room. She fixed the pillows to prop herself up with and then slipped into bed.

"'Give me my pearl bracelets,' she said, 'and the handsomest of those handkerchiefs, and all my rings; and Flora, mind you must sob all through the ceremony; I'm going to be calm.'

"We hadn't five minutes more, but just as the first knock came to the door she whispered:

"'Oh, dear; if I only could have slew music. Couldn't you catch that "Traviata" organ, Flora, and get him to play for half an hour outside the window? He's always on the corner. Flora, I'll leave you something handsome if you do.'

"I did it, short as the time was. I caught the man and he ground out his quarter's worth.

"The clergyman was a very nice, neat, nearsighted old gentleman. Mr. Birch was the dreadfulest sight—pale as a ghost and shaking from head to foot. The groomsman looked dreadfully sorry; the four or five intimate friends looked as though they were at a funeral; and to see her, with her calm smile and powdered face, one hand against her heart, the other in his—I was glad I'd been told to sob; I had to do something. And so they were married.

"'I feel,' said Miss Grigg, slowly, 'that this, perhaps the last moment of my life, is very sweet. To die thus, with my hand in yours—ah!' Dear friend, adieu. Flora, my faithful maid, take this ring.' I saw her pick out the cheapest; but no matter. 'Remember me by it. Now—leave us.'

"Then everybody kissed her and went out of the room sobbing.

"In a moment more there was a scream; Mr. Birch had fainted away. It took an hour to bring him to.

"The reporter of the evening paper was waiting outside for the news. It was published all over that night, but the next afternoon the traveling dress came back in the black trunk.

"Yes, miss, of course Miss Grigg—I mean to say Mrs. Birch—recovered at once. And that's the whole story. I'm the only one that knows it, and I wouldn't mention it to anyone but you, ma'am."—N. Y. News.

SOUTHERN "ARISTOCRACY."

A Popular Superstition Pricked — Rich Planters of Plebeian Origin.

It is the favorite theory of political writers that there was in 1860 a distinct difference between northern and southern character, arising out of the fact that the dominant element in the north has descended from the Puritan, and in the south was descended from the Cavalier. It is now established that no such difference of origin can be proven. The Virginian and the Maryland planters, the New Jersey Quakers and the Connecticut and Massachusetts settlers sprang from the same class in England. The elements chiefly represented in all the colonies at the time of their foundation were the intelligent yeomanry and small land owners. The aristocracy of which the south boasted so much was not descended from the younger or the older sons of Englishmen of rank; it was made up of the sons and grandsons and great-grandsons of those planters who were the first by their shrewdness and energy to acquire large landed estates. The climate had brought about some changes, and in the south there had been developed a class of small landowners, the so-called poor whites, who had but little improved during the century previous to the civil war. The original bases of the white population were, however, the same.—Albert Bushnell Hart, in New England Magazine.

Sixty Years in Siberia.

A Napoleonic veteran has lately returned to St. Petersburg from Siberia. This old gentleman, who is a Pole by birth and a native of Wilna, is named Amitsetzky, and has attained the age of one hundred and three. He was Napoleon I.'s adjutant, took part in his world-famed expedition to Russia, and was decorated by the emperor with the Legion of Honor at the battle of Wagram. He was taken prisoner at Beresina, and, receiving a pardon from the Czar, remained for a time in the Russian service. But, for having taken part in the Polish rising of 1832, he was condemned to twenty years' imprisonment in the mines of Siberia. On the termination of his sentence he was free to quit Siberia, but he has been forty years in taking advantage of his permission.

"GOOD-BY!"

They part upon the crowded street,
And part and part; with tireless feet
They stand and stand, their agile tongues
Propelled by potent, active lungs.
They kiss, they part; they backward hie
To kiss and part and say: "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!" "Good-by!" "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!"

The engine puffs, the whistle blows,
And to and fro the truckman goes,
At "All aboard!" the travelers rush,
Except the two that over gush,
And kiss and part and kiss and cry
Above all other roars: "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!" "Good-by!" "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!"

With cultured pitch or common bawl,
At church or market, hut or hall,
At feast or funeral, still are heard
The pair who speak one more last word,
And start and wait and amplify
Their parting with a "Well, good-by!"
"Well, good-by!" "Good-by!" "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!"

And oh! when night comes drooping down
With gentle touch to hush the town,
There's yet no respite; for behow
Perchance 'tis Bridget and her beau,
Or dainty Kate and hers, who sigh
To part and wait and say: "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!" "Good-by!" "Good-by!"
"Well, good-by!"

—Elmira Gazette.

THE UNMUSICAL PIANO.

And How It Was That It Ceased to Annoy.

Why Æsthetic Mr. Jimpson No Longer Objects to His Lonely, Sad Neighbor's Musical Efforts—In a Pathetic Key.

"Had a queer experience the other day," said Jimpson at the club, sipping his coffee. The after-dinner conversation had drifted into a discussion as to whether the piano was a curse or a blessing to modern life. The opinions seemed to be about evenly divided.

"Certainly it cannot be said of the piano, as of other instruments, that its

"'Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake again,'

For Byron wrote that at a time when the piano was as yet practically unknown. Nor did Woodsworth have reference to the piano when he remarked:

"'Where music dwells,
Lingering, and wandering on as loath to die,
Like thoughts, whose very sweetness yielded proof
That they were born for immortality.'

"No, no; it has been amply stated that 'music hath charms to soothe the savage breast,' but not piano music. That line was penned at a much earlier period.

"'When Music, heavenly maid, was young
While yet in early Greece she sang,'

And, therefore, ye brethren of the quill, I have to cast my vote against the further continuance of this instrument of torture auricular and mental—the piano."

This harangue had been delivered by Simpson, the recognized authority on the poets, a man who was always *sweeter in modo, fortiter in re* and whose voice, therefore, was rather potent. It was in reply to him that Jimpson had said:

"Had a queer experience the other day."

And to this a chorus had responded with: "Then by all means let us have it!"

"Well," said Jimpson, "you know I have lived in a flat since last May. It's cozy, containing every kind of improvement that heart can wish, and for about a month I felt real comfortable in it. But one evening, just about dusk, as I was lolling in my easy chair, I heard music overhead in the upper flat. It was piano music. That in itself was nothing to get angry about, but the kind of music it was! Played by somebody who has never been properly taught, who hacks away and makes each note shriek and howl, who has no conception of harmony, measure and time, the hackneyed pieces which filtered down to me through the ceiling in unasthetic chunks by no means promoted my post-prandial digestion. Next morning I inquired as to the identity of this modern Torquemada. I was told by the janitor it was a young widower, who had lost his wife but recently, a quiet, unobtrusive, otherwise well-behaved man. Next evening, as I sat at my desk, painfully seeking for a proper denouement in the plot of my new novel—the hero having gotten himself into an awful hole, from which it was very hard to extricate him—the music overhead began again. The same music, same pieces. And it was played as exasperatingly as ever, by clumsy fingers and with a touch that would have done honor to a wood-chopper. I felt sick at heart. In spite of all my efforts to ignore this tantalizing music, I could not. Every bar hit my sensitive ear like a trip-hammer. I was unable to continue work. And that night in my sleep I heard as an endless refrain the trills and frills of 'Jo Anderson, My Jo,' 'Comin' Thro' the Rye,' 'Annie Laurie' and 'Nancy Lee.' It was a regular nightmare. Walking and sleeping, those over-ripe tunes followed me about—ate with me, drank with me, slept with me and prevented me from work. Thus a fortnight passed, and I was just about on the brink of lunacy.

"Last Wednesday evening, as the piano fiend above was again racking my soul and body, I became desperate. Of course, I knew I had no legal right to interfere, nor to tell him to stop his infernal playing. But an insatiable desire to see what this fiend in human shape looked like, and whether, perhaps, by bulldozing or by skillful flattery I might prevail upon him to let up on me, had taken possession of me. I had wasted away to a shadow during that fortnight, and I thought he might possibly take pity on me if threats or diplomacy should not prevail. So I climbed up that flight of stairs and touched the electric button. Instantly the playing ceased. Slow, heavy steps, as of one tired out, came, and the door was opened. I was invited in.

"When I had sat down in his dining-room I hurriedly took an inventory. There was but the lighted piano lamp, and that shed a rather dim and uncertain light over the rest of the room. But I noticed all sorts of reminiscences of his dead wife. There were pretty embroidered tidies on the sofa and chairs; there were several tiny paintings—quite evidently the work of a female amateur; and there was a portrait of the deceased herself, draped in crape, and in one corner of the frame stuck a faded, dried bunch of flowers. The picture showed a pretty young face, whose dark eyes seemed to look upon me with a gentle, reproachful gaze. I began to feel a load settling down on me and the heart within me grew heavy. I felt worse than an intruder—I felt like a ruthless foe in this mournful home of a happiness that had been. Just then my neighbor's voice struck my ear:

"'What can I do for you?'

"Mechanically, following but the impulse that had brought me up there, I told him of my trials and tribulations, due to his incessant piano playing in the evening.

"When I had ended the man looked at me with the expression of a hunted dog whose last refuge is about to be taken from him. He nodded his head. 'Yes, yes,' he said, with a voice that seemed full of unwept tears. 'I might have known it. Somebody was sure to object.' And as I hastily interposed some remarks intended to make my intrusion less painful to him, this neighbor of mine with the sad mien slowly turned his face to the light so that I could study the features furrowed by sorrow, notice the hair on the temples and how it began to wax thin and gray despite his thirty-five years.

"'You are quite right,' he murmured. 'I know what good playing means, for my wife—she played well and I've often enough listened to her to know. Not that she was a perfect performer. She generally only played simple tunes, those that speak to and touch the heart. But she played them so well and with so much feeling (I saw a tear in the man's eye.) But what am I to do? You see, I am at the bank all day long. (He is cashier in it.) When my work is over I go home. Often have I meant to go to the theater or some concert, or to an entertainment at the house of a friend. But I cannot. It is impossible. These rooms, the scene of our brief happiness, draw me as with hooks of steel. I cannot resist. And what should I do elsewhere? The thought of my poor wife follows me everywhere. And here I see her. I feel her presence. And that consoles me for her loss. That, too, has driven me to the piano—her piano. I know next to nothing of music, it is true. But when I sat down on her stool for the first time and looked through her sheets of music the irresistible desire came over me to try and play her favorite pieces—those she played so well and which recall her most vividly to me—and I've done it. I play them. I learned how without a teacher—insensibly, by degrees, just trusting to my poor knowledge of the notes and to my memory. I suppose—in fact I know—it must sound horrible to others, especially neighbors, this playing of mine. But it is such happiness to me. I see her again, gracefully bending over the piano and nodding to me, giving me one of her sweet glances. And that is why I am playing at this piano during my leisure hours in the evening.'

"There was silence in that room. Then I rose, shook the hand of the man whom I had, an hour ago, wished in hades, and stole away. And now—that is the queerest thing of all—his playing no longer disturbs me at my work. In fact, it inspires me. I suppose a part of the fancies that come over him are shared by me, and I shall never disturb him again."

"Well," said Simpson, who had a suspicious moisture in his left, his weak, eye, "that shows that even the piano is good for something. Let's go."—Chicago Herald.

A QUEER BUSINESS.

An Englishwoman Who Sold Birch Rods for Boys.

A great English editor, Mr. Henry Labouchere, tells of an advertisement that appeared recently in one of the London papers, which read as follows:

BIRCH RODS—Small and handy, 1s., by post, 1s. well packed. IDA WESTON, care of Mrs. Tayler, 8 Hawthorn terrace, Canterbury.

This was such a strange advertisement, says Harper's Young People, that Mr. Labouchere thought he would inquire into it, and so he sent to Miss Weston a note requesting her to send him a birch rod as advertised, and enclosing the necessary shilling. Shortly the rod arrived, and with it a note from Miss Weston to this effect:

"Miss Weston incloses one rod herewith. It must be steeped in water to restore its suppleness, and the handle may be wrapped in ribbon. Miss Weston advertises at a loss, but with a view to restore the rod and reform the present 'untamed' race of English boys and girls."

Just think of it! Making a regular business of selling birch rods to make boys better. How would the boys of this country like that, and would they agree with my informant that this lady is engaged in a great and glorious work?

I am afraid not, and I am further not afraid to say that the modern boys who stand in need of the rod are like angels' visits, few and far between.

A Week's Work.

According to the Iron and Coal Trades Journal, a statistician has calculated that a week's work in Birmingham, Eng., comprises, among its various results, the fabrication of 14,000,000 pens, 6,000 bedsteads, 7,000 guns, 300,000,000 cut nails, 1,000,000 buttons, 1,000 saddles, 5,000,000 copper or bronze coins, 20,000 spectacles, six tons of papier-mache wares, over £30,000 worth of jewelry, 4,000 miles of iron and steel wire, ten tons of pins, five tons of half-pins and hooks and eyes, 130,000 gross of screws for wood work, 500 tons of nuts and screw bolts and spikes, 50 tons of wrought-iron hinges, 350 miles length of wax for vestas, 40 tons of refined metal, 40 tons of German silver, 1,000 dozen of fenders, 3,500 bellows, 800 tons of brass and copper wares, to say nothing of the myriad other articles, such as pianofortes, cylinder castings, perambulators, wheels, axles, safes, locks, etc.

The Banana Supply.

It is not without good reason that the banana has become so popular in recent years. For it is said to possess in itself all the essentials to the sustenance of life for both man and beast. It belongs to the lily family, and is a developed tropical lily, from which by ages of cultivation the seeds have been eliminated and the fruit for which it is cultivated greatly expanded. In relation to the bearing qualities of this fruit, Humboldt, who early saw the wonders of the plants, said that the ground that would grow 99 pounds of potatoes would grow 33 pounds of wheat, but that the same ground would grow 4,000 pounds of bananas, consequently to that of wheat is 133 to 1 and to that of potatoes 44 to 1.

DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

In my callower days I believed
In phantom, in spook and in wraith;
Like a credulous youth I received
Superstition as part of my faith.
I would wander by graveyards at night
And would hide, mildly daunted,
In rooms that were haunted,
But of specters I ne'er caught a sight.
For they never materialized,
No, they never materialized,
Again and again I have sought them in vain
And they never materialized.

When to wisdom and age I attained
I courted a mail (so of wealth,
Her father my offer all dotted
And we planned to be married by stealth.
To the parson who promised to me
And her art I'd a lover
Arrived in time to forbear,
And her heart into poignant woe,
For she didn't materialize,
No, she didn't materialize,
Though I waited all day in a confident way
She didn't materialize.

Speculation next entered my brain,
And I th ught of the wiles of the street
Where 'tis easy a fortune to gain
In water, in cotton or wheat.
So I turned all my wealth into gold,
And the very last dime
Went into the bucket
But the fortune I'll never bonanza;
For 'twill never materialize
No, 'twill never materialize.
Though I keep up my end 'till I've no more to spend,
'Twill never materialize.

Then I went to a town in the west,
For my genius I thought needed room,
And I bought me a lot near the rest
Of the boomers awaiting a boom.
And I stayed there a year and a day,
For the boom we awaited
Was fairly inspired
Or somehow got lost on the way?
For it didn't materialize,
No, it didn't materialize,
And the trumpet of doom can't enliven the boom
For 'twill never materialize

I now have a gray hair or so,
And some brain matter too, that is gray,
And I've found there's no wisdom below
Like experience acted in play.
Oh, the visions of childhood are vain
And so are gems, gold,
With lonely left elder
We are dreaming of castles in Spain;
But they never materialize,
No, they never materialize.
If we don't win our luck by good judgment and pluck
It will never materialize.

—George Horton, in Chicago Herald.

ARE WE TO BURN UP?

Speculations Regarding the Nature of the Sun's Heat.

Increase of Heat on the Earth During the Prevalence of Sun Spots—The Sun's Envelope Our Protector.

The violent heat that so suddenly followed the appearance of the great sun spots in the latter part of June, says Goldthwait's Geographical Magazine, no doubt awoke in many minds questions as to the nature and extent of the influence exerted upon the earth by variations in the condition of the sun. There appears to be no doubt that the radiative energy of the sun is increased when the spots break out upon its surface, and it seems reasonable to conclude that the earth must experience a greater degree of heat at such times. Yet, singularly enough, the best observations bearing upon this question indicate just the contrary condition of things. It has been found in India that the mean temperature is lower instead of higher during the maximum periods of sun spots. Such a result must be brought about by terrestrial conditions which are able in some way to reverse the effect of increased radiation from the sun. But a very great increase in the solar heat could hardly be neutralized in that way. If, then, the sun at certain times suddenly pours forth an extraordinary gush of heat, the earth must take the consequences. This whole subject becomes particularly significant in view of modern discoveries concerning the nature and constitution of such bodies as the sun. It not only is, at least in practice, shown to exist a science of comparative solar physics, but all the suns of space are made to contribute to our knowledge. Our own sun falls into a special class and is found to be sharply differentiated in many particulars from the stars that do not belong in the same category with itself.

Even the ancients knew, or at least surmised, that the stars are suns, but it remained for the astronomers of our day to demonstrate that there is a great variety of suns. Still, through all the variations there runs a family likeness and an evident identity of ultimate constitution and destiny. As the different classes of suns merge into one another by almost insensible gradations. There is also evidence that suns pass from one class into another, either as a result of progressive development or in consequence of the sudden outbreak of transforming forces. The last fact is of supreme interest to the inhabitants of a planet which, like the earth, depends for its prosperity, and even for its very existence, upon a solar orb that is liable to stupendous changes. The periodical outbreak of sun-spots in a cycle of about eleven years alone suffices to place the sun in the large and continually increasing list of the so-called variable stars; and the wide difference in the intensity of these outbreaks at different times indicates that we cannot count upon the changes in the sun's radiative energy as we do upon such comparatively regular variations as those of the seasons, which are capable of geometrical calculation. So long as the amount of the change is small, and it has been during the period covered by human history, no serious results are to be apprehended, but there is no absolute certainty that the change may not suddenly become destructively great. Such an event is improbable but not impossible. Not only the sudden apparitions of new stars, but also the enormous changes of brilliancy that many well-known variable stars undergo, furnish evidence of the potential capacity of a sun to burst forth, upon suitable provocation, with an overwhelming energy of radiation in the face of which no planetary life could survive.

The sun is surrounded with what, from our point of view, might be termed a protective envelope, or atmosphere, which absorbs, as the spectroscope shows, a large part of the radiations proceeding from the tremendous inner core of the solar globe. Other stars possess a singular absorptive envelope, and in consequence are ranked in the same class with the sun. In some stars this envelope is far more effective in producing absorption than is the case with the sun, and such stars seem to be smoldering and sinking toward extinction, though in some cases they occasionally flare up with furious outbursts, as though struggling against impending fate. But by far the greatest number of the stars appear to be less effectually blanketed with absorbing vapors than the sun is. Sirius, for instance, the brightest star visible to us, and Vega, one of the most brilliant ornaments of the midsummer evenings, shine with a splendor and intensity of radiation far exceeding the sun's, independently of the greatest size. Sirius, for instance, pours out seventy or eighty times as much light as the sun, although recent estimates of its mass show that it is perhaps not more than four times as heavy. The intensity of Sirius' radiation must then be many times greater than that of the sun, in consequence of the absence of an absorptive atmosphere capable of stopping a large share of its rays. Life-bearing planets could not possibly circulate around Sirius at distances proportionate to the earth's distances from the sun; and if the curtain that screens off from us the full fury of the solar light and heat were withdrawn the life of the sun-smitten globe might all vanish amid the vapors of its steaming seas.

The spectroscope shows that the glowing atmospheres of some of the stars occasionally flame up to an intensity exceeding that of the fiery globes within them. That kind of accident happening to the sun would be very awkward for its poor mortals, but the consoling fact remains that the stars which exhibit this uncomfortable peculiarity evi dently belong in a different class from that in which our great star at present stands. Yet the unceasing change, often in accordance with laws which we do not understand, is the order of the universe; and having for our god of day and of light an orb that we know is subject to varying moods, we must not be too certain that the ultimate fate of mankind, as some people have concluded, is to be frozen to death on an ice-encased and sun-abandoned globe.

Uncle Silas a Commentator.

A dozen men who were in the habit of loafing away their Sundays out of the old Penobscot meeting house while their wives attended services gathered by an enthusiastic young pastor into the Sunday-school. They called the "horse shed class," and the members of the school were more regular in attendance or original in response. One day the lesson was upon the death of Moses, and the teacher having located "Nebo's lonely mountain" upon his map, asked the meaning of "Nebo,"—no doubt having in mind the tutelar deity in honor of whom Babylonish mothers so often gave such proper names as Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, etc.

"What do you say, Uncle Si?"

"Waal," answered the old man solemnly, "I've heard that there Bible names all has meanin's, an' I reckon it's so 't a body only jest studies into 'em. Now, this here, to me, is plainer'n two times two. I calc'late Moses called it Nebo because the mountain was master steep; it made his knees bow to get to the top of it. I've clum hill right here in Maine

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, CAMBRIA CO., PA.

FRIDAY, - - DECEMBER 25, 1891.

At noon on Tuesday the Allegheny valley railroad was bought by the Pennsylvania railroad company for $3,000,000.

The United States Treasury Department will be closed all day on the 25th instant and the 1st proximo, and at noon on the 24th and 31st instant.

The value of wheat and flour exports this year up to a recent date was $14,000,000, or nearly double the amount of the previous year for an equal period.

On Thursday of last week, President Harrison sent the name of Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, to the Senate for confirmation as Secretary of War, to fill the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the resignation of Secretary Proctor, who is now a Senator from Vermont.

Major General S. Wiley Crawford, who commanded the Pensylvania Reserve division in the battle of Gettysburg, and who purchased fifty acres of land in front of the Round Tops, including the famous Devil's Den, announces his intention to place on one of the huge boulders on his property a large bronze plate giving in full the address delivered by President Lincoln in dedicating the National Cemetery there in 1863.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, has introdneed a bill in the United States Senate providing that every person in the employ of the United States Government who is not a native born or completely naturalized citizen of this country shall be at once dismissed. There has already been great complaint over the employ of aliens in lucrative Federal positions, notably in the Census Bureau and other departments in Washington.

The symptoms of the new grip which is now prevalent are somewhat different from the two former periodical attacks of the disease. There is little or no sneezing: the victim is first attacked with shooting pains through the limbs and as these increase in severity they settle in the muscles, producing soreness to the touch. The pain is not confined to any one section, but jumps about, preferring the thigh. There is very little influenza, nor are any other features of the old grip noticeable to any extent.

United States Senator Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly at his boarding house in Washington city, on Sunday last, of appoplexy. Senator Plumb was born in Ohio in 1837 and when young learned the printing trade which he worked at until he went to Kansas in 1856 where he studied law and afterward went into the banking business. He had served 14 years in the Senate and two years ago was re-elected for a third term which would have expired in 1895. His successor will be appointed by the Governor of Kansas.

Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, matrimonially connected with the house of Vanderbilt, says the Pittsburg *Post*, is on top of the Grant monument association, New York, after the success of certain devious methods of organization. It is understood the association, under command of the colonel, will refuse all subscriptions from Democrats or Catholics, and any Southern man offering money to buy granite for the monument will be shot on the spot. The monument is to be Republican in the first place and evangelically orthodox in the second. Sinners and publicans and Democrats will be allowed to view it at a distance.

The department of agriculture at Washington says the inspectors of the bureau of animal industry on Long Island have unearthed an abbatoir at Newtown creed which they found to be devoted entirely to the slaughter of broken down crippled horses. Many of these horses were diseased and some of them affected with glanders. The inspectors thoroughly investigated the destination of the carcasses and it was found that most of the meat was corned and put up for export as family beef. The secretary of agriculture was at once communicated with and he wired the inspectors at point of shipment to stop such exports and to immediately notify local boards of health.

Speaking of Mr. Homan's selection as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriation, the New York *World* says: "The selection is excellent. The reckless squandering of the Billion Dollar Congress has imposed enormous expenditures upon the country which the present Congress cannot in any wise escape, and the most rigid economy will be necessary at every point where economy is possible. Mr. Holman has always been notably jealous of unnecessary expenditure." And it might be added that the Democratic party could go before the people with better hope of success on no other platform than that of economy in the expenditures as one of the main planks.

A bill was introduced in the United States Senate one day last week by Senator Quay, of this state providing for a survey of a route for a canal connecting the waters of Lake Erie with the Ohio river. According to surveys made by a commission appointed by the Pennsylvania Legislature of 1889, the most practical route lies through portions of Ohio and Pennsylvania. This makes it an interstate affair, and brings it properly within the province of the Federal Government to determine as to the advisability of such an enterprise. It is claimed that it would be a most valuable connecting link between the great ore fields of the North and the manufactories of the South and Middle states.

One of the results of the announcement of Congressman Dalzell's candidacy for Quay's seat in the Senate, says the Philadelphia *Times*, has been to set at rest all doubts as to the attutude of C. L. Magee on the Senatorial question. Dalzell has declared himself a candidate and Magee, through his newspaper, the Pittsburg *Times*, has declared for Dalzell in an editorial setting forth in vigorous terms the merits and capabilities of the dashing Pittsburg Congressman.

The importance of this declaration on the part of Magee consists in the fact that it means a pratically solid Allegheny county delegation for Dalzell in the next legislature. This will form a very respectable nucleus of strength in itself and will donbtless inspire the anti-Quay Republicans in every Republican county to engage in the contest for anti-Quay Representatives and Senators with a good hope of winning their fight. The announcement of Robinson's candidacy will add to the vigor of the contest, for while he will be generally regarded as a stalking horse for Quay, his participation in the canvass will serve to make the members of every club rejected at the Scranton convention take their coats off to beat him.

The declarations, of Dalzell, Robinson and Magee following each other as they have done on successive days, have precipated the Senatorial battle and furnish all the assurance needed that it is to be the most hotly contested Senatorial campaign ever witnessed in Pennsylvania. No small contingent of kickers will be arrayed against a solid machine phalanx. The Republican party will divide on the merits of the candidates and fight a regular party battle to determine whether Quay's leadership shall be perpetuated or a new leadership substituted.

There never was a more opportune time for such a contest. Pennsylvania is safely Republican on the national issue by a large majority. The state ticket next year will be unimportant, consisting only of a Supreme Judge and two Congressmen-at-Large. If unobjectionable candidates are nominated, as now appears probable, they can be elected whatever the result of the Senatorial contest. In point of fact the United States Senatorship is the only real contest in sight in the coming campaign in Pennsylvania, and the friends of the opposing candidates can heave bricks at each other as much as they please without endangering the party crockery in any other part of the Republican shop. Quay has the state party machinery in his grasp, but Dalzell has the Federal officials either actively with him or neutralized so that they dare not take up the cudgels for Quay. Honors are about even, as far as can be seen now, between the two leading aspirants, and both are in the field early enough to make a complete and vigorous canvass.

Due credit should not be withheld from President Harrison for the excellence of most of the appointments he made in filling the newly-created United States Circuit Judgeships, says the Philadelphi *Herald*, but he was at fault in making William S. Woods, of Indiana, one of the new Judges.

Woods may have sufficient judicial ability, but he is a corrupt man. There should not be even an intimation of corsuption attached to the Judicial robes.

It will be remembered that in the election which gave Mr. Harrison the Presidency, the use of money in securing for him the electoral vote of Indiana was one of the numerous rascalities practiced in his behalf. Dorsey went into the state well provided from the corruption fund raised to elect the Republican candidate, and effected the blocks of five deals by which Indiana was carried for Harrison. There was so little question about his guilt that when he was prosecuted for the offence Judge Woods directed the Grand Jury to find a bill against him. It was as plain a case as if he had been arraigned for stealing a ham, with half a dozen eye-witnesses swearing against him.

But before the Grand Jury had been discharged Judge Woods committed the astounding act of reversing his instructions to it, and the nortorious briber escaped the punishment that was his due. In the interval between the instructions to the jury and their reversal, it was said that the Judge heard from Washington where consternation prevailed in Presidential circles at the prospect of the Indiana bribery being exposed by Judicial proceedings. It was said that the President offered Judge Woods the appointment of a United States Judgeship if he shoud get the prosecution of Dorsey out of the way.

One of the new Judgeships has been given to Woods by President Harrison.

During the last year, says the N. Y. *Recorder*, 2500 railway employes were killed and 23,000 injured while in the discharge of their duties. Of these victims of "a cruel and largely needless sacrifice" 369 of the killed and 7,841 of the injured were brakemen. Brakeman are most frequently hurt in coupling cars. To require interstate roads to be equipped with automatic couplers is within the universally conceded province of Congressional legislation.

There certainly should be no further delay in heeding the President's urgent request that the Government, which spends $1,000,000 annually to rescue shipwrecked vessels, take action to protect the lives of workers on the rails against the murderous operation of antiquated appliances. That is the duty of justice and practical friendship to labor which the representatives of no party can afford to disregard.

Official returns from the Republic of Venezuela show that there are 9,000,000 cattle, 6,000,000 sheep, 2,000 hogs and 2,000,000 horses and mules in that republic.

The United States Supreme Court adjourned on Monday for two weeks, it being customary to adjourn over the holidays.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 19th, 1891. Speaker Crisp thinks that he will be able to announce the committees of the House on the 23rd inst, if the Senate does not ask for an earlier adjournment for the holiday recess. Quite a number of the members think it would be better to defer announcing the committees until the recess, as that would give the Speaker that much more time to consider the matter. It appears to be generally conceded that Springer will be chairman of the Ways and Means committee and that Holman will be chairman of the committee on Appropriations. In breaking precedent, which has usually made the chairmen of these two committees members of the committee on Rules, and appointing Messrs. McMillan and Catchings as the Democratic members of that committee, Speaker Crisp has pleased those members who believe that the first named chairmen have influence enough over legislation as heads of their committees, without being also on the committee on Rules.

Representative Oates, of Alabama, offered a resolution, which was referred to the new committee of Rules, providing for the appointment of a standing committee of fifteen, on order of business, of which the Speaker shall be ex-officio chairman, which shall have jurisdiction of the order in which business shall be considered, having due regard to fairness and equity among the several committees and to the transaction of public business.

It was this week announced that the treaty of commercial reciprocity which has been in course of negotiation some weeks between the United States and the British West Indies, and British Guina, had been concluded, and that Presidential announcement of the details will be made Jan. 1.

The political status of Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, has been practically settled this week. The Republican caucus left him out of its committee assignments, although it provided for Senator Peffer, and some of the Senators said that Mr. Kyle had asked to be taken care of by the Republican caucus. This Mr. Kyle denies. At any rate it was the Democratic caucus that gave him his committee places. In answer to a direct question of how he would vote on political questions Senator Kyle said: "Shall I vote with the Democrats? Well, I do not anticipate many situations here which will call for a straight party vote. I have not forgotten, however, that my election was brought about by Democrats, and I want to honor those to whom honor is due."

Senator Quay's reported retirement from the Senate has a string tied to it. He says: "I am not a candidate for re-election to the Senate, nor do I expect to be when my term expires, but if the position is tendered me by the legislature of Pennsylvania I will accept it." Mr. Quay appears to have taken a lesson from Mr. Blaine,

War with Chili is again being persistently talked up by naval officers. These would-be heroes are asserting with much positiveness that if the Government of Chili has not given a satisfactory answer to the demands of this Government by the time Congress comes together after the Christmas recess, Mr. Harrison will send a special message to Congress reciting the facts and recommending that war be declared in order to enforce our demands. The source from which men of this sort of talk emanates, raises the suspicion that the administration is "feeling the pulse" of the public on this subject.

Senator Hill, of New York, was given just as good committee assignments by his colleagues as if he had been here since the opening of the session. As he made no requests nor expressed any preference, it was presumed that he had no choice as to what committees he was put upon.

Mr. Harrison did recognize the Democratic party in his nominations for six of the new Circuit Court Judgeships sent to the Senate this week, by giving it two of the judges. Following are the nominations: First district, Judge W. L. Putman, of Maine, who was once Democratic candidate for Governor of that state, and who was appointed a member of the Canadian joint fisheries commission by Mr. Cleveland; second district, George M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania, who is an able lawyer and a Democrat; fourth district, Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, who was for a while Secretary of the Navy under Hayes; sixth district, W. H. Taft of Ohio, who is Solicitor General of the Department of Justice; seventh district Judge W. A. Woods, of Indiana, who as judge of the U. S. District Court for the district of Indiana, earned a somewhat notorious reputation on account of his decision in the "blocks of five" case.

Warren Truit, of Oregon, has been nominated U. S. district judge for Alaska.

Representative Mills, who has been quite ill is somewhat better, but is still confined to his room.

No Cure for it.

The alarming spread of the influenza and the extraordinary mortality that follows its ravages gives special significance and interest to a lecture delivered last week at the university in Vienna by Prof. Nothnagel, the court physician. Dr. Nothnagel traces the origin of the disease as far back as the ninth century, history showing that it recurs three or four years with varying intensity and then dies out for a period of twenty or more years.

The Professor expressed the belief, based on experience, that those who have once had the disease are not proof against subsequent attacks, although less liable to infection. The learned gentleman knows of no remedy for it, in spite of all the assertions to the contrary. The disease still remaining a puzzle to the doctors.

A Mayor and Ex-Mayor Indicted.

Pittsburg, December 21.—Mayor James G. Wyman, Ex-Mayor Richard T. Pearson and Market Clerk David Hastings were indicted by the grand jury to-day. Mayor Wyman is indicted on four different counts, two for embezzlement and two for extortion, while in the case of Ex-Mayor Pearson and the market clerk the charges of embezzlement are sustained. The case against Pearson is based on the misappropriation of witness fees amounting to $794, while in Hastings' case the amount is $2,314 alleged shortages in the receipts of the market house.

A Voice From the Tomb.

Washington, D. C.,—Thomas J. Brady, the indicted Star Route Second Assistant Postmaster-General of ten years ago, who, with Dorsey, was an honored guest with Elkins at the Soap banquet of 1880, has emerged from his obscurity to say of Elkins' appointment: "It is very gratifying. It shows that the reign of terror of the Garfield and Arthur days is over. But who would have thought then that the King of the Star Routers, would be appointed to the Cabinet of the first Republican successor of Garfield and Arthur. The world do move."

Anxious to Meet Sullivan.

New York, Dec. 20.—The pugilists Slavin and Mitchel landed from the steamer Brittanic. Slavin in an interview said his object in coming to this country was to fight. "I am not on a pleasure trip by any means," he said. "I am the ferret after the rats and have come to this hole after them."

In answer to other queries, he said: "My first purpose is to arrange a fight with Sullivan. I put him first because he is, in my opinion, the best man on this side. I will fight under any rules in any place, in any state where a guarantee will be given that Mitchell not will be molested. I won't go where he is in danger of arrest. That's my only objection to New Orleans. I will fight for a stake of from £20 upward and before the club offering the largest purse, I will give Sullivan three months, a sufficient time, anyone will tell you for a man, to fit himself. If I can't arrange a go with Sullivan I will fight anybody else who thinks he is a good one. If I do not think I could whip Sullivan I would not bother him."

Mitchell said: "I am not here to fight, but will meet Corbett in a ten round glove contest any place in New York city for a purse. I will do this just to give Jim a chance to exhibit some of those newly developed powers of his Slavin will meet him in a glove contest or with knuckles to a finish and in case of our failure to arrange with Sullivan, we would like to hear from him."

A Hermit in a Big City.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—About eighteen months ago an old gentleman who gave his name as Thomas Franklin and said he was from Pennsylvania, came to Berwyn and bought one of the finest residences in that aristocratic suburb of Chicago. He furnished the house in good style. The old man would tell nothing of himself or his past history. "I came here to get away from the world; Don't ask me anything about myself or my history," he would say. He seemed to have plenty of money. He did all his own house work, rarely went out doors except to buy food and altogether lived the life of a thorough recluse. For some days past there have been no signs of life about the house.

To-day the old man was found dead in bed. There were some indications that he died a violent death and it was thought he might have been murdered for his money. The coroner, this evening, however, decided that death was due to natural causes. The only document of importance found in the house was a will bequeathing all his property, estimated at $50,000 to a sister living in Winton, Lackawanna county, Penna.

Awful Crime of a Step-Father.

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 20.—John Henry O'Connor, a boilermaker, aged 65 years, was arrested at midnight Saturday, for attempting to murder his step-son, Bernard Wattberry, aged 6 years. O'Connor took a dislike to his little step-son, believing he engrossed all his wife's affections. He took the boy out for a walk last night, and when they reached the Fifth avenue bridge, O'Connor lifted the lad in his arms, carried him to the center of the bridge, and threw him off

The boy fell into the water, 20 feet below, with a frightened scream. He landed on a sandbar near the center bridge pier, and called for help. Vivian Alyea, who was going across the bridge to his home in Bergen county, took the reins from his horse, tied them together and threw the noose to the boy. Bernard placed the noose about his waist and was drawn to the bridge almost unconscious and badly bruised by the mass of ice flowing down the river. The police and ambulance were called, and Bernard was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition.

Tragedy at a Fair.

Pottsville, December 20.—A fatal stabbing affray occurred in Centennial hall, this place, at 10 o'clock last night. Henry Clay lodge, Knights of Pythias, has been holding a fair during the week. This evening, Henry Shaw was met in the corridor of the hall by David Quinn. Quinn accused Shaw with insulting his sister. Hot words ensued, and Shaw drew a knife and stabbed Quinn in the left breast. The blade entered Quinn's heart, and death was instantaneous. The coroner held an inquest.

The police, this morning at 3 o'clock, captured Harry Shaw, who murdered David Quinn at the Knights of Pythias fair last night. The capture was made at Palo Alto, where Shaw was trying to steal a ride on a freight train. Quinn was stabbed five times by Shaw. The fatal wound cut his heart in two places. The assault was entirely without cause. Quinn was quarreling with a young man named Shaw; who had insulted his sister. Harry Shaw ran between them and received a blow in the face. He then drew a dirk knife and did the cutting Shaw is now in jail.

Cherokee Strip Sold.

Tahlequah, I. T., Dec. 20.—After more than two years of negotiations and four visits of the Cherokee Commission to Tahlequah an agreement yesterday was finally consumated whereby the Cherokees agreed to part with their title to the strip, and only the action of the United States is needed to make it public land. The price finally agreed upon is $8,595,736,12. The two commissions decided upon the terms of the agreement, and immediately submitted it to the National Council for ratification. It must then be ratified by Congress.

By the terms of the agreement the United States agrees to remove all unauthorized persons from the strip, and those Cherokees now residents upon the strip may take 80 acres of land each, which shall cover their improvements.

Only for the Wealthy.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20—Judge James H. Reed, who was appointed to succeed Judge Acheson, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, will resign about the first of the year. He says he will give up the Judgeship for personal reasons. He will return to the practice of law. He says only wealthy lawyers can afford to be District Judges at the present salary. It is said every influence will be brought to bear to secure the appointment of Joseph Buffington, Kittanning, to fill the vacancy.

News and Other Notings.

—A microscope is being made at Munich which will magnify 11,000 diameters.

—There are four times as many Irishmen in the United States as Englishmen.

—The fall of snow this year in the Andes is greater than has ever been recorded.

—There were produced in the United States last year 141,229,513 tons of coal.

—Ingersoll says he is better than the average Baptist because he uses soap in his baths.

—The greatest plague ever known visited Naples in 1656 and carried off 380,000 people in 28 weeks.

—The Irish Parliament existed for over 300 years. It was extinguished in 1801 at the time of the union with Great Britain.

—Harmon Shriver, of Massilon, Ohio, was bunoced out of $5,000. He refused to go into the game until assured that the proceeds were for a church.

—Sam McManus, who has been a terror to the people in the western part of Augusta county, Va., while at a beer stand Monday was shot from an arabush and killed.

—Wm. H. King, a patent lawyer of Columbia county, N. Y., was found dead in the Grand Central Hotel, New York city, Tuesday. He was prepared for death and carried identification papers labelled "Who I am."

—Oscar Weed was working at Albert Lea, Minn., when he received a letter from Norway containing $5,000, and notice that he had succeeded to a baronetcy by his father's death. Oscar drank himself to death within a week.

—"Lasso Bill" Hopkins and Jack Hill, cowboys, quarreled over a horse trade at Cheyenne. To settle it they fought a duel with revolvers at fifty paces. Hill's second shot struck Hopkins in the breast, killing him instantly. Jack Hill escaped.

—Mirod Gatzel, an illicit distiller, was held in $2,000 bail by United States Commissioner Colburn in Scranton on Friday. Gatzell was arrested on Tuesday by United States Marshal Barring in the mountains of Potter county and his still was destroyed.

—At Brooklyn on Friday Michael Harvey, during a fit of insanity, shot and killed John Connerton and wounded Samuel Dickerson and Mary Dickerson. He then blew out his own brains. His sister jumped from a second-story window and received serious injuries.

—The latest fad in the West is a shoe party. They stretch a sheet across the room and the ladies stand behind it and stick their feet under it so you can only see their shoes. Then you go along and pick out a pair of shoes and the lady who is in them you take down to supper.

—The ground in the vicinity of the Gaylord shaft of the Kingston Coal Company, Wilkesbarre, began sinking on Sunday, and the large breaker is at present in danger of falling to pieces at any moment. The accident will throw 2,000 men out of employment and cause a great loss to the company.

—Fire broke out on Sunday night in the Sugar Notch Hotel, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., which rapidly spread, and before the flames could be checked three dwellings burned. Guests in the hotel had to be lowered from windows by ropes, but all escaped without injury. The loss is estimated at $10,000.

—A traveling man will bring suit against Manager Conklin, of the Minneapolis Grand opera house. At Saturday evening's performance his view of the stage was obstructed by two enormous hats in front of him. The usher declined to give him another seat and Mr. Conklin refused to refund the price of admission.

—A bevy of pretty Preston county, W. Va., girls organized a coon hunting expedition a few days ago to which no man was invited. They procured guns, axes and provisions and took a horse and wagon to bring back their game. They got lost before they had been in the woods two hours and it took a searching party twenty-four hours to find them.

—Engineer William Denny, who had charge of the Pennsylvania railroad water station at Warrior Ridge, three miles west of Huntingdon, was instantly killed on Thursday night of last week by a shifting engine. He was standing on the north track awaiting the passing of an east-bound freight train, when the shifting engine, unobserved by him, ran him down.

—During the funeral procession on Friday attendant on the burial of Mrs. Borshenski and her boy, who were murdered in Brooklyn, one of the horses balked. The superstitious mourners immediately said the murderer was in the neighborhood. The police had to drive them away. Another horse was procured and the procession moved on. Feldman, now under arrest, is believed to be the murderer.

—John P. Richardson, a resident of Chattanooga, Tenn., and one of the richest men in the South, his wealth being estimated at $2,000,000, and who was as well perhaps the greatest cotton planter in the United States, died Sunday, the victim of cigarettes. The disease of the lungs was of a light character, and could easily have been cured had not heart failure set in, due to the absorption of nicotine. His life was insured for $100,000.

—Bernard Ready, aged twenty-seven years, and Henry Linnen, aged twenty-one, both footmen at the Exeter shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Pittston, where hoisted up the shaft on Tuesday afternoon in a large bucket for the purpose of removing several huge pieces of ice that had formed on the side of the shaft. When they had ascended about 350 feet one of the icicles became detached and fell upon them, killing Ready and fatally injuring Linnen.

—Quite a romance is attached to the history of Lawrence and Barbara Stoahr, an aged couple who were recently buried from their home in Harlem, N. Y. They were born within a few hours of each other in Berlin, Germany, were playmates and schoolmates, were confirmed together, married, came here 31 years ago and resided in New York until they died. Mrs. Stoahr died on Sunday of pneumonia and her husband a few hours later of bronchitis. They were buried in one grave.

—About 9 o'clock on Friday night a clever diamond robbery was committed at William Wilson's jewelry store on Fourth avenue, Pittsburg. Two thieves, during the absence of the proprietor and while his wife and sister were in the store, broke the plate glass window and took a tray containing 24 diamond rings, valued at $3,000. The thieves had previously run a stick of wood in the latch, so that when the ladies attempted to make an outcry for assistance they were baffled. When the police arrived the robbers had escaped. Three of the rings were found on the sidewalk.

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December 12, 1890.

ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election of the Protection Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cambria county will be held at the office of the secretary in Ebensburg, on Monday, January 11, 1892, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

T. W. DICK, Secretary.

Dec. 11th, 1891-3t.

Cambria Freeman.

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FRIDAY, - - DECEMBER 25, 1891.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—No paper next week.

—Begin the new year by paying the printer.

—Judge Barker is visiting Philadelphia this week.

—Dr. Murphy, of Loretto, was a visitor to our town on Monday.

—When in need of job printing try this office. Good work at low rates.

—Mr. William Waltz, of the Carrolltown News, was in town on Tuesday.

—Miss Irene Glass was visiting friends in Altoona, during the present week.

—Dr. J. B. Noonan, of Chest Springs, spent a few hours in town on Monday.

—The express companies have been doing a rushing business for the past few days.

—Mr. Thomas C. Shoemaker, of Bellefonte, Pa., is visiting friends in Ebensburg.

—Mr. John O'Hara, of Munster township, spent a few hours in town on Saturday.

—The grippe has attacked quite a number of people in the neighborhood of Wilmore.

—Druggist James is going to have his store room and dwelling heated by hot water.

—Mr. William Doran, one of Summerhill's prosperous farmers, was here on Saturday.

—Mr. John McCormick, of Summerhill township, spent a few hours in town on Tuesday.

—Mr. Robert McEreen took in what was to be seen in Johnstown on Thursday of last week.

—The FREEMAN greets you all by wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—You can now hunt up your New Year resolutions of last year and make them over again.

—The public schools in this place will close this (Thursday) evening until after the holidays.

—The man who predicted an open winter imagines now that he knows something about the weather.

—A dangerous counterfeit of the $20 gold certificate is in circulation. Very few printers will be caught however.

—Mr. John Cawley, of Dysart, while here on Saturday added his name to the FREEMAN'S list of subscribers.

—Mr. Anthony Gill, one of Chest township's oldest and best citizens, was a visitor to our town on Saturday.

—Mr. William J. Buck, of Allegheny township, was here on Tuesday and paid the FREEMAN office a pleasant call.

—Judge Harry White, of Indiana, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Supreme Judge.

—Messrs. Walter and Edward Shoemaker, who are attending school at St. Vincents, are back at home to spend the holidays.

—Richard M. Cobaugh, who was shot at Mechanicsburg last Saturday a week by George Fleck, is gradually improving and will recover.

—Mr. Edward Griffith and wife, of this place, who were visiting friends at Elder and Pittsburg last week, returned home on Monday.

—Mrs. Keating, an aged lady of Summerhill township, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a week or two ago, is slowly recovering.

—Captain Thomas Davis, who has been laid up for some time with a severe attack of his old enemy, the asthma, is able to be out again.

—Dr. Prothero, who spent the summer at the fair ground, in this place, training horses, was in town for a couple of days this week.

—Mrs. R. E. Jones has something to say to her advertisement in regard to reasons for changing her business to cash system.

—Miss Mame Shoemaker, after an absence of several weeks visiting friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia, returned home last week.

—Messrs. Olin Barker, who is attending college at Easton, and Fred Barker, who is at Dickinson college Carlisle, came for Christmas.

—Ex-Sheriff John J. Cessna, a leading citizen of Bedford county, died at his home in Bedford on Wednesday of last week in the 73rd year of his age.

—The Reflectonte nailworks, which have been closed down for some time, resumed operations again and in a short time they are expected to be in full blast.

—M. D. Kittell and wife, of Ebensburg, came down to the city yesterday (Monday) on a shopping expedition and to take in the opera.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

—The exterior of the FREEMAN office has been considerably improved in appearance by a coat of paint, laid on by Mr. J. Baumgardner and his force of workmen.

—Last week the boys in this neighborhood had their first skating of the season. Sheckler's dam was frozen over, the ice being about three inches in thickness.

—Master Bert Johnson, son of Mrs. Johnston, of this place, who has been attending Mt. St. Mary's College Emmitsburg, Md., is home to spend the holidays.

—M. D. Kittell, Esq., trustee to sell real estate of Francis Gallagher deceased, offers some valuable real estate at public sale. See advertisement in another column.

—Somerset had an election on Saturday on the question of whether or not the borough build water works. Those in favor of water works carried the day by a large majority of 67.

—On Monday of last week Mr. Joseph Hall, of Cambria township, took sick and was confined to bed, and after sleeping forty-eight hours got up and felt much better after the long nap.

—On Friday last the county commissioners appointed Mr. James Ited, of Portage, a mercantile appraiser for the ensuing year. They had thirty applicants to make selection from.

—Telephone communication between Johnstown and Ebensburg was opened on Thursday of last week. The office in St. James' drug store and the charges are twenty-five minutes' talk.

—D. R. Murray, of Altoona, has been awarded the prize of $100 offered by the Pennsylvania railroad to the division foreman having the best kept road. The Altoona yard is under his supervision.

—The Indiana *Gazette* would like to know why Indiana county's poor cost $1,800 per month, while Cambria county's cost $1,000 a month, when Cambria county has a larger population and Indiana only 42,000.

—On Thursday of last week Miss Mollie Riley, of this place, took her departure for Fort Riley, Kansas, to spend the winter with her nefce Mrs. Lieut. Niehoff, whose husband is stationed at that place.

—The culvert under uthe Cambria and Clearfield railroad at the big fill, near Shoemaker's dam, in Carroll township, is being arched with brick. The brick will be shipped by rail to this place and then hauled to their destination.

—Among the appointments of Pennsylvania postmasters confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday were those of A. P. McDonald, of Altoona, and W. A. McDermitt, of Bellwood.

—Frank Leslie, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, while coupling cars at Conemaugh on Monday morning, had his right hand caught between the bumpers and badly crushed. He was taken to the Johnstown hospital.

—On the Pullman car Etruria, which was attached to the Cincinnati and St. Louis Express, the remains of the late Senator Plumb were taken through Cresson on Monday night to Emporium, Kan., where the interment will take place.

—Fifteen large casks, measuring about five feet in heighth and five feet in diameter inside, destined for Mr. Celestine Farabaugh's brewery in Carrolltown were unloaded from the cars here on Monday and hauled overland to Carrolltown.

—The material for an iron bridge is on the ground and workmen are now busily engaged in placing it in position where the Ebensburg and Loretto road crosses the Cambria & Clearfield railroad near McMullen's, at the school house about a mile west of Loretto.

—A boy aged 11 years was killed on the railroad near the Berwind White Coal Company's shaft about one mile east of Ramey, Clearfield county, on Monday. He attempted to board a freight train and was thrown under the wheels and almost instantly killed. His name was not learned.

—We are in receipt of a letter from Magdalena E. Wilson, an eight-year-old reader of the FREEMAN, from Latrobe, wishing us the compliments of the season. We thank the little Miss for her good wishes and hope Santa Claus, in his annual pilgrimage, may fill her stockings to the brim.

—Daniel McLaughlin aged about thirty years, while walking on the railroad a short distance west of Cresson on Sunday night, was struck by a passing train and killed, his body being badly mangled. He was a single man and a resident of Gallitzin where his remains were taken for interment.

—A Hollidaysburg item says a deed of transfer of ten properties and stores, located in Johnstown, Dunbar, Henrietta, Hollidaysburg and Birmingham, from the Cambria Iron Company to the Penn Traffic Company, has been entered in the courts of Blair county at Hollidaysburg for record. The consideration is $70,000.

—Hugh McIermitt, who hails from Irwin, while wandering around the streets of Johnstown on Saturday evening in a drunken condition, was enticed into an alley and knocked down and robbed of his watch and $23 in money. On Saturday he made an information against Owen Hughes, charging him with being the man who robbed him.

—John McLaughlin, aged 54 years, died of Bright's disease at his home in Hollidaysburg on Tuesday. He was an officer in the army that quelled the Mormon rebellion in Utah in 1857, prospected in California for gold, was a contractor in the building of the Northern Pacific railroad during the civil war, and a member of a construction corps and built bridges and forts for the Union forces in Tennessee.

—The state board of agriculture which meets in Harrisburg on January 27th and 28th will hold sessions of more than usual interest, and the farmers of the state ought to see that every local society is represented. Secretary Edge has prepared a good program, and the essays will be instructive and interesting. Not the least important subject to be discussed will be that of "Roads," and considerable information is expected on this subject.

—George Bloom, a son of John Bloom, of Everett, went to visit the family of William Downes, near Franklin Mills, in Fulton county, a few days ago. On Wednesday morning he went to load a rifle. Not being sure that there was not a load in the gun, he blew in the muzzle, pulling the hammer back with his foot. It is the old story. His foot slipped off the hammer, and the gun was discharged, the ball entering his head through his mouth and passed through and out at the back part. He died instantly.

—Rev. Father Deasy, pastor of the Catholic congregation in this place, moved into his new house on Monday. It is pleasant, comfortable and convenient in all its details, while the substantial manner in which it is built reflects credit on the contractor, Mr. John Long, of Summerhill, who has left nothing undone in the performance of his contract. Parties contemplating building will save time, labor and expense by consulting Mr. Long, as he has all the facilities for rushing work and has a reputation which he upholds in doing his work well.

—Soloman J. Ringer, who had a small store at the eastern approach of Pinkerton tunnel, near Urisna, was greatly surprised on going to his place of business, Thursday morning, to find that the building had been wrecked by an explosion, and about $300 worth of goods, his entire stock destroyed. A loud explosion of dynamite was heard by the people residing in that vicinity some time during the preceding night, and investigation clearly shows that the building was blown up by that means. Three parties are suspected of having committed the fiendish deed, and it is probable that they will be taken into custody.—*Somerset Herald.*

—The Tyrone correspondent of the Altoona *Tribune* says: Patrick Carey a Democratic politician of Snyder township, brought to town an old Irish spinning wheel that was made in 1800, and which has been in his family from generation to generation ever since and was brought by him to this country in 1851, which at the request of Mrs. Blake, of the city of Dublin, an old time friend and one of the lady commissioners from Ireland to the Columbian exhibition at Chicago in 1892, will be boxed and shipped to that place and placed on exhibition, and will be worked by an Irish lady of 90 years of age, who will show how flax and wool was spun in her girlhood days. It is an ancient fabric and its appearance bespeaks its age.

—In the erection of the new bridge over the Conemaugh at Wilmore, a difficulty arose between the officers of the borough of Wilmore and the township of Summerhill over the line between the two districts. It was contended by the township that the line of the borough took in both abutments of the bridge and that the filling in should be done at the borough's expense. On the other hand it was maintained that the one abutment was in the township and that the expense of filling in should be borne by the township. On Monday Harry Peeler, of Johnstown ran the lines, which show the one abutment to be in Summerhill township, and that Peter Burnheimer's property, which was always supposed to be in the borough, is in Summerhill township.

—Samuel Helman, of Strongstown, Indiana county, was in the city to-day Thursday He reports numerous cases of horse stealing in his vicinity. On Wednesday a horse and carriage were taken from Mr. McCormick's place, at Armagh. They were found the next night by Emanuel Myles, in the woods near Strongstown. The horse was hitched. On Thursday night Mr. Helman's horse and carriage were taken. They were found the next day by Mr. Findlay near Baker's furnace, the horse was loose in a field and the carriage was by the road side. The same night a horse was stolen from H. B. Masters of Buffington township, a mile south of Blacklick furnace. The animal was traced to the mountain and into Westmoreland county, where pursuit was abandoned. It is supposed that a gang of horse thieves is located in Indiana county.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

—A new remedy has been discovered for the grip. A Derry, Westmoreland county, man says the disease spread rapidly in his family and they were all cured by eating hickory nuts. He claims that the oil in the "goodies" loosened the cough and that they all got well in a short time. It is an easy medicine and should be given a trial.

—Great excitement was caused at Tyrone on Monday morning by the closing of the doors of the Tyrone bank, a private concern. The following notice gives all the information obtainable as to the cause of the failure, as the stockholders are either out of town or refuse to talk: "A drain upon the resources compels this bank to close for the present." C. Guyer, the cashier, is also away from home. The liabilities are estimated at $75,000, with assets supposed to amount to $50,000. No other banks will be affected by the failure.

—By the explosion of a can of powder in J. B. Holsinger's jewelry store at the corner of Adams and Bedford streets, in Johnstown, on Tuesday evening, the windows were blown out, a lot of watches and jewelry scattered over the floor and into the street, and the shelving of a grocery store in the same building, separated by a plastered partition, thrown down, breaking the show cases and piling the contents of the shelves promiscuously on the floor. Mr. Holsinger had a can of powder containing about one pound on the floor under the counter and open. He, without thinking of the danger, struck a match under the counter, when the phosphorous flew off the match and into the can. He had but time to turn his head when an explosion followed, and he was badly burned about the hands, and his eyebrows, hair and mustache burned off. Although several persons were in the room at the time, Mr. Holsinger was the only person injured. He will recover.

—A gentleman named Kuhns, of Greensburg, about a year ago bought the timber on upwards of a thousand acres along Yellow Run in Adams township, this county, agreeing to pay $2.50 per thousand feet for stumpage. He went to work, expending about $1,000 on a dam for a saw mill and was moving along swimmingly until a month or six weeks ago, when notice was served on him by the Pennsylvania railroad company to cease operations, the company having right of way for its new South Fork branch railroad and claiming it was about to extend the line, and would pass through the place selected for the dam. There has been talk that the road would be extended eight miles which would take it to the top of the Allegheny mountains. The residents there do not believe, however, that it will for the present be extended more than a mile. The site of the dam is within a few hundred yards of the present terminus of the railroad. Mr. Kuhns is the manager of the store at the new town of Dunlo.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Court Proceedings.

The following cases were disposed of after the report in last week's FREEMAN:

Commonwealth vs. Moses Feathers and Albert Deiner, obstructing an officer. Jury find defendants not guilty and that the prosecutor, Constable Ripple, pay one-half the costs and Albert Deiner, one of the defendants, pay the other half.

Commonwealth vs. Lizzie Lung, Charles Lung and Theresa Smith, forcible entry and detainer. Continued.

H. E. Walters & Co. vs. James A. Burk. Appeal. Jury find for plaintiff $35.

Commonwealth vs. Silas Baldwin, assault and battery. Jury find defendant guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph S. Hammers, embezzlement. Jury find defendant not guilty but that he pay two-thirds of the costs and John Ream, the prosecutor, one-third.

The following sentences were imposed on parties tried during court and remaining unsentenced:

George Dynes and Alphonsus Lee, larceny, were sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars each and costs of prosecution, but further sentence was suspended to await an answer to a letter of inquiry from their parents in Chicago.

George Polisky, found guilty of stealing $20, was sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for sixty days.

Mrs. Stickenhouse and John Stickenhouse, convicted of larceny were sentenced to pay a fine of $50 each and costs of prosecution and be imprisoned for three months the county jail.

Church Fair.

The people of St. Augustine are preparing to hold a fair during the Christmas holidays. St. Augustine ranks high among the neighboring places for genuine pleasure and fun. The hall has been enlarged and remodded, and all the modern improvements added, including a private cloak room for ladies. In addition to the improvements in the hall, a large and commodious stable has been built on the fair grounds, and competent persons appointed to feed and care for the horses. The supper table will be in charge of Mr. Riley, of Allegheny City, who has been staying with Father McEvoy for some time. Mr. Riley has had a large amount of experience in this line. Beside running a restaurant for a number of years in the city, he has had entire charge of fairs and picnics of all sizes. The dancing promises to be especially good, as arrangements have been made by the fair committee to have professional musicians and callers every night of the fair. In short, every arrangement has been made to make this fair even more successful than the previous ones, both socially and financially, and every person desiring to spend an enjoyable Christmas should come to St. Augustine. B.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, December 23rd, 1891:

Jacob M. Gabert, Coopersdale, and Kate Esterly, Mornellville.

John A. Williams and Annie M. Draper, Lower Yoder township.

John E. Rosensteel and Cora A. Delozier, Ashville.

John Reilly and Mary Yarnell, Johnstown.

John J. Custer and Harriet Morris, Johnstown.

Wilhelm Lind and Jennie Raab, Johnstown.

Jerome F. McCleary and Lizzie Daniels, Johnstown.

Frank R. Hay and Maude M. Price, Johnstown.

George E. Bird and Mary J. Bee, Johnstown.

Charles Speighalter and Bertha M. Fiskel, Conemaugh.

Elmer E. Loohr, Hooversville, Somerset county, and Sadie Strayer, Walnut Grove.

Milton G. Metzgar, Johnstown, and Lizzie Strayer, Walnut Grove.

John Belzner and Annie B. Walter, Richland township.

Death of John Stehley.

On Thursday last a telegram to Mrs. James S. Bobb, of Roaring Spring, announced the death of her brother, Mr. John Stehley, of Alton, Kansas. There were no particulars. Our older citizens all remember Mr. Stehley, who was engaged in the mercantile business in this town with his father for many years. Deceased was about 38 or 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children.—*Hollidaysburg Register.*

The deceased was well known in this place where he resided for a short time about eighteen years ago, and was employed as a clerk in the county treasurer's office while the late N. J. Freidhoff was county treasurer. He was married to a daughter of Mr. E. J. Mills, a merchant of Ebensburg, and along with his father-in-law and family went west about fifteen years ago.

School Report.

Report of the Ebensburg schools for the month ending December 4, 1871:

Room No. 1.—Number enrolled—males, 37; females, 28; total, 65. Average attendance—males, 32; females, 24; total, 57. Those perfect in attendance: John Rees, Edwin Rees, Harvey Tibbott, Carl Engiehart, Waldo Squires, Ralph Davis, Harvey Rodgers, Tommie Evans, Walter Fort, Dannie James, Tom Hill, Al Brown, Earl Finkbiner, Howard Finkbiner, Myrtle Gettes, Beatrice Mower, Ethel Davis, Mildred Owens, Ruth Squires and Katie Grey.

Room No. 2.—Number carolled—males, 28; females, 28; total, 56. Average attendance—males, 24; females, 20 total, 44. Those perfect in attendance were: Edson Hill, David Ludwig, Harry Bennett, Dannie Thomas, Walter Apel, Arthur Hill, Willie Endler, Jesse Evans, Bertie Connell, Joseph Davis, June Davis, Pearl Kruis, Flora Cole, Emma Craver and Maud Folsom. Class leaders—A class, Harry Heltchue; B class, Maud Folsom.

Room No. 3.—Number enrolled—males, 22; females, 25; total, 47. Average attendance—males, 20; females, 22; total, 42. Those perfect in attendance were: Lizzie Ludwig, Mamie Thompson, Edith Barker, Ethel Shields, Mary Connell, Annie Hammond, Gertie Hill, Floy Stiles, Nelson Brown, Charles Davison, Herbie Evans, Elmer Davis, Eddie Davison, Arthur Evans and Walter Jones. Class leaders—A class, Maggie Tibbott; B class, Annie Hammond.

Room No. 4.—Number enrolled—males, 20; females, 20; total, 40 Average attendance—males, 18; females, 16; total, 34. Those perfect in attendance were: Ada Jones, Mary McCabe, Mary Nipple, May Davis, Annie McBreen, Butler Roberts, Ollie Davis, Charles Evans, Mattie Craver, Willie Cole, Peter Ludwig, Willie Leighty, Eddie Craver and Wellington Evans. Class leaders—A class, May Davis; B class, Willie Cole.

Room No. 5.—Number enrolled—males, 16; females, 15; total, 31. Those perfect in attendance were: George Thomas, Cord Snyder, Annie Davison, Blanche Folsom, Mae Griffith, John James, Sadie Nipple, Julia Connell, Ida Craver, Minnie Craver, Monnie Murray and Willie McCabe. Class leaders—Senior class, John James; A class, Annie Davison; B class, Monnie Murray.

We are glad to announce to the patrons of the schools that the Encyclopedia Brittanica and a new Webster's international dictionary have been added to the books of reference of the schools. These books have been added by the liberality of the patrons and citizens in subscribing for the *Youths' Companion*. The schools gratefully acknowledge the aid given by the people of Ebensburg in procuring these books.

Material has been ordered with which the pupils will cover their books that they may not be soiled in use.

T. L. GIBSON, Principal.

Joyous Christmas Time.

Christmas and New Year will soon be upon us, and "peace on earth and good will to men" will be the prevailing sentiment. Those who want to thoroughly enjoy themselves on this occasion should not fail to lay in a supply of choice old whiskies, Apple Jack, Peach Brandy, or any imported or domestic wine should not fail to send their orders to Max Klein, Allegheny, Pa.

He wishes the public to know that for the next thirty days he will sell an absolutely pure Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey, seven years old, at $1.00 per quart, or six quarts for $5.00. All kinds of native wines at reduced prices, ranging from 50c. to $1.00 per quart, or from $5.00 to $10.00 per dozen. Goods neatly packed and shipped by express or freight upon receipt of registered letter, P. O. note, express order, or certified check. No goods sent C. O. D. If you want your goods for the holidays send your orders in at once.

Here are a few brands to select from:

Silver Age, $1.50 per full quart; Guckenheimer, Finch, Gibson, Overholt, or Bear Creek, $1.00 per full quart, or six quarts for $5.00; Guckenheimer four-year-old, 75 cents per quart; Anchor Rye, 50 cents per quart; Sherry Wine, Catawba, Angelica, Madeira, Port, or any other California Wines, 50 cents per quart, $5.00 per dozen.

Send for catalogue and price list of all kinds of liquors to MAX KLEIN,

85 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa.

For sale by J. & A. E. Bender, Ebensburg, Pa.

Orphans' Court Sale

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE!

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the hotel of M. Fitzharris, in Gallitzin, Cambria county, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1892,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, adjoining land of B. P. Anderson, T. L. Parrish, Joseph F. Durbin, Susan Gallagher, heirs of Joseph O'Brien, deceased, William Lilly, and Lemon & Bailey, containing

275 ACRES,

more or less, about 100 acres of which are CLEARED, and having thereon erected a large two-storied

FRAME HOUSE!

and Large FRAME BARN!

and the necessary OUTBUILDINGS, all in good repair. There is a large quantity of Pine, Hemlock and various kinds of Hardwood Timber on this property, and it is underlaid with valuable

SEAMS OF COAL.

The Timber on said land, and the Coal in and under the same, together with the usual mining rights and privileges, will be offered for sale separate from the surface, and will be sold separately. If a better price can be obtained in that way than by offering the entire land with the Timber and Coal together.

TERMS OF SALE.

Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale; the balance of one-third at confirmation of the sale; one-third in one year and one-third in two years after confirmation of sale. Deferred pay ments to bear interest and to be secured by the judgment bond and mortgage of purchaser.

M. D. KITTELL,
Trustee to sell the real estate of Francis Gallagher, deceased.

Ebensburg, Pa., December 25, 1891.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Cambria county. In the matter of the first and partial account and of the second and final account of Joseph F. Cooper, executor of the last will and testament of Patrick Donovan, late of Clearfield township, deceased.

Having been appointed Auditor by said court to report distribution of the fund in the hands of the accountant, notice is hereby given that I will sit at my office, in the borough of Ebensburg, on **Friday, the 15th day of January, 1892,** at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of discharging the duties of said appointment, when and where all persons interested may attend or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

DONALD E. DUFTON,
Ebensburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1891.3t. Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Cambria county. In the matter of the exceptions to the third and final account of Wm. Warner, executor of John Warner, deceased.

Having been appointed by said court to hear and determine upon the exceptions filed and to report a distribution of the fund in the hands of the accountant, notice is hereby given that I will sit at my office in the borough of Ebensburg on **Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1892,** at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of discharging the duties of said appointment, when and where all persons interested may attend or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

DONALD E. DUFTON,
Ebensburg Pa., Dec. 25, 1891.3t. Auditor.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas W. Adams.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Thomas Adams, late of Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement to

JOHN BARNETT,
AMANDA ADAMS,
Executors of Thomas W. Adams, deceased.
Allegheny Twp., Dec. 4, 1891.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Mauee.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Jacob Mauee, late of Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same, will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement to

P. A. SYBERT,
Executor of Jacob Mauee, deceased.
Gallitzin, Pa., Nov. 5, 1891. 11-13-6t.

STRAY COW.

Came to the premises of the subscriber in Allegheny township on or about the 1st of November, 1891, one small red cow, about six years old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, otherwise she will be disposed of according to law.

T. L. PARRISH.
Dec. 4th, 1891.

BALTZELLS'.

WE CALL attention to some important price lists this morning which show some suitable bargains for holiday purposes, and give precedence to a fine line of Umbrellas, a stock that hasn't been equaled in this city for selling qualities We have sold hundreds, and still have a few bargains like the following:

Silver Handles, Glorias, 28 inch.....$1.15
" " " 26 " 1.00
Natural Sticks, Ladies', 28 " 1.98
" " Gents', 28 " 2.48
Natural Wood Handles, Steel Rods, 28 inch..... 3.97
Natural Wood Handles, Steel Rods, 26 inch..... 4.75
Ladies', with Ivory Handles, $5, $7.50, $9 and $11.00.
Doll Gold Handles.....$7.50 to 11.00
Black Handles, Silk.....$3.62 to 4.00

The American people are great travelers and must have Trunks. In fact they almost live in them. We ask you to look over our large and varied assortment before selecting a new one.

Just arrived, a large number of excellent Hair Brushes. They are marked at holiday prices and will please you.

Among the great bargains in the Basement are our royal Worcester Wares.

Large Vase, Moonlight Scene in Decoration, very beautiful.....$19.97
Large Pitchers.....$6.93 and 4.93
Large Bowl Vase..... 16.97

In Haviland we quote:

Hand-painted Cups and Saucers each..39c
Large Chocolate Pots.....$1.97 to $2.49
Boudoir Sets.....$5.39, $6.89 to $7.69
Salad Sets.....$8.39 and $9.79
Tete-a-Tete Sets.....$8.97 to $11.25
Handsome Bouillion Sets, with covers..$2.39

Among the up-stairs bargains and attractions we have only room for a few Mats going at a sacrafice.

Moquette Mats.....$1.25 from $1.59
" Rugs..... 3.00 from 4.00
" Rugs..... 4.95 from 6.00

BALTZELLS',
Altoona.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

In re petition of Peter Holey to have mortgage to William Logan Fisher by Sebastian Boley, dated 19th February, A. D 1850, for tract of land in Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pa., recorded in Recorder's office in Record Book, Vol. 2, page 350, etc., marked satisfied.

The undersigned, having been appointed Commissioner to take and report testimony in above matter to Court, hereby gives notice that he will sit at Attorneys' Room, in Court House, Ebensburg, at 10 A. M. OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1892, for the purpose of performing the duties of said appointment. H. H. MYERS,
Ebensburg, Dec. 18, 1891.3t. Commissioner.

HOTEL LE GRANDE.

H. J. SHETTIG, PROPRIETOR.

Located at DuBois, Pa., near the B. R. & P. Railway Depot. We always endeavor to furnish the best accommodations to business men, pleasure seekers and boarders. Persons in search of comfort and quiet will find it a desirable place to stop. The Table is unsurpassed and is always supplied with the best the market affords, and all the delicacies of the season. The Bar is supplied with the choicest of pure liquors and cigars and nothing but the best is sold. Special attention given to the care of horses.

H. J. SCHETTIG.

ESTRAY.

Came to the residence of the subscriber in Allegheny Township, Cambria county, on or about the 15th of November, 1891, one red bull, supposed to be about one and a half years old, marked by piece out off the left ear, and a piece cut off under the right ear. The owner is requested to come forward prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed according to law. HENRY IVORY.
Allegheny township, Dec. 18, 1891.3t.

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Is the time when you have to buy and the time when you have to buy cheap. We will assist you and can assure you that **ONE DOLLAR** spent in our store will go as far as **ONE DOLLAR AND A HALF** elsewhere. To be convinced see prices:

Grocery Department.

25 lbs. brown sugar, $1; 23 lbs. soft white sugar. $1; 21 lbs. granulated sugar, $1; Dilworth coffee, 22c.; Arbuckle coffee, 22c.; good green coffee, 19c. All other groceries sold in proportion.

In Meats,

we can not be undersold. Good shoulder, 8c. per lb.; prime ham, 12c. per lb.; clear sides, 11c per lb; fine Bologna, 7c. per lb; Ohio cream cheese, 13c; good Swiss cheese, 18c.

Flour

in ten different brands. Vienna flour, the best in the land, $1.50 per sack.

Ladies' Coats.

Fine all wool Reefers, $3; Jersey Coats, $3; Fur Trimmed Reefers, $5. Beautiful line to select from. See them!

Clothing Department.

Men's all wool good dress suits, all colors, $7; Men's fine worsted suits, blue or black, $10. Our line of Overcoats is larger than ever and at prices to suit you!

Dry Goods.

There was a time when ladies of our town, in need of a new dress, had to go to large places to make the selection. Those days are past. Our line of Dress Goods is as perfect and complete as is seen anywhere.

Furniture.

Right with us is the place to come for your Furniture. It is not the prices alone that bring us the trade. No! Our reputation is established for handling the most stylish and durable Furniture in town.

We have been with you many years and always tried to sell you goods cheap, very cheap. Really, quick sales and small profits have brought us the large trade we now enjoy, and we will always treat our patrons so that they will feel satisfied to come again.

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Miscellaneous Notices.

MR. ROBERT EVANS, the well known furniture dealer in Ebensburg, as among his large assortment of Furniture some Handsome Chairs that would come in very appropriately in selecting a fine Christmas Gift. Go and see you will certainly be pleased with them.

WE hope that no one will ask for credit after January 1st, for we will be compelled to refuse as we will keep no books after that date. MRS. R. E. JONES.

WHEN looking for Christmas presents you will do well to see what Carl Rivinus has to show you. It won't cost you anything to examine his large stock to select from. We are convinced that you will be pleased.

CARL RIVINIUS has just received a large assortment of fine Set Rings, including Diamonds, which you should see. They are just the thing for your sisters or sweethearts. Also, a large selection of Gold Watches for ladies and gentlemen, gold pens, and Gold Spectacles for your parents.

WANTED:—Furs of all kinds, for which the highest market prices will be paid. Bring them in. G. L. FREDERICKS,
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I INVITE all lovers of music to come and see the FINEST MUSIC BOOK EVER PRINTED, containing 368 pages of the choicest Music, Vocal and Instrumental, and 32 full page portraits of the leading composers. Just the very thing to make a nice present to your music loving friends. I am convinced you will be highly pleased with it. It comes in Cloth and Morocco. The book is named "Our Hearts' Delight."
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WE desire to say that after January 1st, we will sell for the spot cash only—terms the same to one and all without exception.
MRS. R. E. JONES.

FOR RENT.—The Central Hotel, formerly the A. J. Christy hotel, Loretto, Pa. Address
Nov. 27. M. F. M'DONALD, Agent, Loretto, Pa.

HAVING received a nice selection of Vienna Chinaware and Glassware, I invite your particular attention to these articles when making purchases for presents. The "Engagement Cups" are the latest out and you should not fail to see them.
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STRICTLY No. 1 Road Carts for $10.00 at Dufton & Son's.

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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Edward McGlade, of Portage, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and Catharine, his wife, by deed of voluntary assignment, accepted the 7th December, 1891, have assigned to John A. Doyle, of the city of Altoona, in trust for the benefit of the creditors of said Edward McGlade, all the estate, real and personal, of the said Edward McGlade. All persons indebted to the said Edward McGlade will make immediate payment to the said assignee, and those having claims or demands will present them without delay. JOHN A. DOYLE,
Assignee of Edward McGlade.
December 11, 1891.3t.

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Riding Bridles, from.....50c. up.
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Lap Dusters, from.....40c. up.
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Hand-made Harness, from.....$10.00 up.

Call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. I guarantee to sell as cheap as the cheapest.

Shop Barker's Row on Centre street.
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FARM FOR RENT.

The subscriber offers for rent his farm in Munster township, along the line of the Ebensburg & Cresson railroad, about two miles from Cresson. Farm contains about 70 acres, about 60 cleared. Possession given on 1st of April. Call on or address the subscriber at Loretto, Pa.
JAMES NOON.
Feb. 27, 1891.

Valuable Real Estate
FOR SALE!

A LOT of ground in the West ward of the borough of Ebensburg, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Sample street having thereon erected a

FRAME HOUSE

and outbuildings, all in good repair. For term or particulars call on or address
JOHN NEALON, Nicktown, Pa., or
M. D. KITTELL, Ebensburg, Pa.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing etween A. B. Krebs, of Lilly station, Pa., and M. C. Getty, of Indiana, Pa., under the firm name of A. B. Krebs & Co., was dissolved on the 21st day of July, 1891, by mutual consent, said M. C. Getty retiring. All debts owing to to the said partnership are to be received by said A. B. Krebs, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment. GETTY & KREBS.
Dec. 18, 1891.3t.

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CANDY HEART

A New Kind of Fate That Befalls Modern Young Women.

The Constant Use of Sweetmeats Disastrous to the Health—Its Insidious Effects Ultimately Lead to Death.

She swept into a fashionable candy store in the shopping district, placed her bundles on the counter, tied her pet dog to the leg of a chair, sank down before an ice-cream table and ordered a glass of hot soda. Then she sent word to the clerk for four pounds of caramels, assorted flavors.

When she had gone I ambled up to the proprietor and asked him a few questions about young women who buy candy, says a New York World writer.

"The kind chiefest in demand?" I said.

"Without a doubt caramels. These are the first choice of the average American girl. I could never explain it," he went on, "but for some seasons caramels have held the call."

"How about gum-drops?"

"Oh, that is a fallacy of the funny man. According to that genius, the young women of our land feast day and night on gum-drops and bonbons; but they don't, and so that settles it. Just stand here a moment and listen to the orders."

I went over to the big counter and watched the ebb and flow of women buying candy. Every third order was for caramels.

All this settled it at once in my mind that the candy devotee is no longer content with a few modest varieties, as in the good old days when you and I used to esteem it the privilege of our lives to have a stick of barber-pole candy out of a dingy glass, in the old white grocery store, down in the Twelfth ward. Time was when the generations ate molasses candy and peppermint, but that time is now swept away for good and all. Here are some of the changes:

The young women of the hour call for such things as these: Nut bars, crystallized fruit, rose leaves, violet drops, buttercups, jujube paste, crushed strawberries.

Nor are these changes without their effect. It takes but a glance, as one trips through the shopping district, to notice and point out the young woman who is the pronounced candy devotee.

What is the fate of the candy devotee? It is not long since the world was startled by the announcement of gum-chewer's cramp, an affliction that carries off American girls by the hundreds, as the result of overtaxation of the muscles of the jaws, the result being a sort of lockjaw rigidness of those muscles, fairly defying medical treatment.

You will hear to-day for the first time, perhaps, of another strange evil that has crept into American life and will soon be moving down the fairest girls in the land. It is no less deadly an affliction than what physicians, unable to find a better name, have resolved for the present to call "candy heart."

Candy heart, what is it?

When a girl begins to feed herself day and night on all sorts of candies she is on the fair way towards becoming afflicted with this new and deadly disease, candy heart. First, she becomes listless and languid; her complexion becomes sallow; her eyes lose their luster; she yearns for the unattainable; her days are passed in a strange atmosphere of deep-blue haziness. In time the tissues of her heart change to the fiber of jujube paste! No longer does she find pleasure in life. Her appetite is gone. Her complexion is gone. She lives in hazy dreams. As for beefsteak, potatoes, ham, eggs, pickles—bah! She despises them. She yearns for sweets. Day and night it is the same. She eats nothing but candy. Her fate is terrible. Then for the last scene of all. Life has become a burden. She wishes she had never seen a caramel. She wishes that she had never touched a pound of crystalized violets. Rose leaves she despises. In vain.

Then, one bright day in the glad springtime, when all nature is smiling and glad, she dies. The old family physician shakes his head in doubt and a desire to save the old family this last cruel blow. Shall he tell a lie in filling out the death blank? Shall he say that she died of blighted love or of hyperasthesia? He thinks it all over carefully. He knows the truth will be a terrible shock to the family, who are in society and run a yellow dog cart in the park. Then duty conquers. He closes his eyes. He draws a long breath. His pen falters, but he writes the fatal words.

SACKED BY FIREFLIES.

Millions of the Flashing Insects Go Through a Pennsylvania Village.

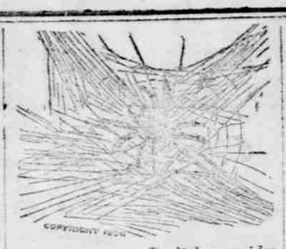
This town was one night recently treated to a most remarkable and beautiful spectacle, says a Dunbar (Pa.) correspondent of the Philadelphia Times. Shortly after dusk the people were surprised and puzzled to behold what appeared to be a cloud of light come sweeping up from the woods lying back of the town, but on its reaching the streets it was seen that the light was occasioned by an immense swarm of fireflies. This swarm, numbering millions, disposed itself through the village, illuminating everything with a light more golden than that of day and warmer than the moon's cold beams.

People recognized each other without difficulty and the print of a newspaper was to be read with ease. The houses were filled with the darting, flashing insects, which seemed to be panic-stricken from some mysterious cause. Lamps were extinguished by the swarms and carpets ruined by them as they were crushed by the foot, while delicate plants and flower beds were destroyed by the weight of the clustering flies.

It took several hours for the swarm to pass through the town, but it slowly disappeared in the direction of the river, lighting the fields as it went, alarming the country people as it approached, and arousing the cattle and poultry, which seemed to mistake it for dawn. Nothing being seen of it next day and no report of it being seen elsewhere having been received, it is believed that it gradually dispersed itself over the marshes. Where the insects came from is also a matter of conjecture, as well as the reason for the sudden invasion. On the morning after their visit they were found in drifts under the hedges and fences and against the sides of the houses, while quantities of provisions left exposed were destroyed by their presence.

The Kaiser's Beard.

The emperor has ordered dealers in photographs not to sell portraits representing him as he appeared without a beard. This decree leaves dealers with a large stock of unmerchantable photographs on hand, and involves quite a loss to them. But the caprice of the kaiser does not stop here in its effects. All the lithographers, copper plate and steel engravers are busy issuing new plates to show the emperor as he now appears, with a beard, and the painters on glass and porcelain, and the workers in leather and wood imagery are overrun with orders for representations of the kaiser in the new style. Old stocks are being remodeled where possible, but the bulk of them are a dead loss to the holders.



Don't be a spider and *crawl* in these days! Why not keep up with the nineteenth century? *You* would not buy a steam engine made like those of a century ago. Then why should you buy the old-fashioned, big, drastic pills that gripe and debilitate your system?

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Bradley	3.0	7 40	10 31	3 44
Kaylor	4.8	7 45	10 35	3 50
Noel	6.1	7 51	10 38	3 56
Munster	7.5	7 56	10 41	4 00
Lucket	9.6	8 03	10 45	4 08
Cresson	11.2	8 10	10 50	4 15

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STATIONS.	Dis-tance.	No. 1. A M	No. 2. A M	No. 3. P M
Cresson		9 00	11 10	5 00
Lucket	1.7	9 05	11 20	5 15
Munster	3.8	9 55	11 29	5 22
Noel	5.3	9 59	11 35	5 28
Kaylor	6.5	10 02	11 41	5 33
Bradley	8.3	10 07	11 47	5 42
Ebensburg	11.3	10 15	12 01	5 56

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A CLEVER SCHEMER.

How a Bright Chorus Girl Got the Better of Her Lazy Husband.

It was a little and comely chorus girl who was talking, says the New York Journal. "Shoemakers are mean men," said she. "My husband is a shoemaker, but he doesn't work much. Not he! As long as I earn in twelve dollars a week to help feed and clothe the babies he's willing to come up on Saturday night with a miserable three dollars, or less, as his share. Why, he won't even mend my shoes for me. No, I was six months trying to get him to fix the soles of the only two pair of shoes I've got in the world, but he wouldn't do it, and I went around with my feet on the sidewalk.

"Well, about a week ago I went to him with a bundle of beautiful shoes that just needed a little mending. There were four pairs in all. 'Here's a job for you,' says I. 'These shoes belong to the leading lady of the company, and she's in a great hurry for 'em. You must finish 'em up by Saturday and bring them to her at the stage door of the theater.'

"Well, he brightens right up at that and kisses me, saying I'm a good wife to him at times. See! He saw a lot of extra beer in that job, and I was lovely for about five minutes. I didn't make any more talk about the shoes, and he went to work at 'em. They were all nicely done on Saturday night, and round he comes with 'em in a bundle to the theater.

"I met him at the door. 'Here's the lady's shoes,' said he, and I could see now he was thirsting for the beer he was going to get on the pay for them. 'Thanks,' said I, and took the bundle away from him. 'Well,' said he, when he saw I was leaving him standing there. 'Won't the lady pay for them to-night?' 'Not to-night or ever,' said I, and you should have seen his face. 'Wha-wha-what do you mean?' he gasped. And then I told him that those shoes really belonged to the leading lady, but she had given 'em to me, saying they would do me nicely if I got 'em mended. And I said to her, says I, that my husband was a lovely shoemaker and would mend them for me for nothing. 'And so you have,' says I, 'and I'm much obliged to you.'"

NEW ENGLAND HIRED MEN.

Treated by Farmers as Though They Were Members of the Family.

The "hired man" on a New England farm occupies a unique position and in many ways is a privileged character. As a usual thing, says the Boston Journal, he is regarded, not as a servant, but almost as a member of the household. There are New England farmers worth their hundreds of thousands of dollars who never sit down to a meal that they do not have their field hands at their elbow. In the ordinary household intercourse the workmen of the farm are treated not as menials, not as inferiors, but almost, if not quite, as equals. They are on terms of comradeship with the other members of the household, young and old, and they have their recognized place in ordinary family gatherings. This relation of the employe to the employer is a phenomenon that is to be found in New England only, or at least in the northern states of America, where New England customs largely mold the habits of the agricultural population. The intimate relation of master and man originated in conditions which no longer exist. In the old days, when the farmer's "hired man" was his neighbor's son, who lent his aid to help a neighbor through the busy season, and often spent the rest of the year teaching school or pursuing his studies in a country academy, such an arrangement was only natural and proper, and indeed the only possible one. But the "hired men" of New England, considering them as a whole, are now a distinct and separate class, usually of unknown and occasionally of sinister antecedents. The old familiar relations of master and man are no longer desirable or safe. Yet there are many farmers who persist in going blindly on in the old way. A resident of a city who followed a similar line of policy with an unknown man who drove his horse or built his furnace fires would be deemed a fit subject for a lunatic asylum.

TEA IN MONGOLIA.

Marketed in the Form of Bricks and Logs by the Natives.

The cost of common tea is about three cents per pound. The cost of manufacture, export duty, packing etc., about double the price, so that the cost on board ship amounts to about five and a half cents per pound. About three hundred pounds or four hundred pounds of brick tea go to a "basket," made of light bamboo. Two baskets form a camel load. Brick tea is in bulk about one-sixth of ordinary tea. In Mongolia, says the New York Ledger, where the nomad population of herdsmen have little use for money, their tents, clothing, food and temples being supplied by their flocks, brick tea forms a standard of value and a convenient medium of exchange, as it is in universal demand for food. A brick or half a brick of tea is placed in a copper vessel and boiled up with mutton fat and butter, and the food is eaten hot in a liquid condition. Lately a new commodity has come on the Hankow market to which the customs give the name of log tea. It is an inferior tea, with stalks, packed in the shape of logs, which weigh from eight pounds to eighty pounds each log. The tea is wrapped in the leaves of the bambusa latifolia and then reduced in bulk by binding round the log with lengths of split bamboo. This log tea is sent to the Chinese ports for consumption and is packed thus from motives of economy, both of packing and of freight.

HE WOULDN'T MOVE.

But a Woman Made Him Reform His Manners in a Street Car.

He was twenty or thereabouts, full blown as to waistcoat, flamboyant as to trousers, and in love with the diminishing glories of his toothpick patent leathers, says the New York Recorder. He lounged all over a cross seat in an elevated car, with a foot set high upon the other knee and almost touching the seat opposite. When an elderly woman sat down in it he did not stir, though the dusty sole left a mark on the black gown. If anything he rather braced himself against her knee. A man on the other side poked him with a big cane and said: "Sit up, young man," but was answered only by a lazy look of ineffable content. Then the woman herself took a hand. Politely but firmly she said: "Please be good enough, sir, to give me a little more space." Still the sweet youth sat unmoved.

She made her request again, but in vain. Then she got up with an amused smile, walked out upon the platform, and touching his arm said to the guard. "There is a poor lumber-jack in here who has got his feet out of place and can't get them back. Won't you please come in and fix them for him?"

The guard came, but before he had covered half the distance the whole car was a-roar and the "lumber-jack" had contracted into even less than his proper dimensions. There he sat, redder than a lobster, trying not to hear the derisive chorus about him. When the train slowed up at the next station he ran nimbly off, his vis-a-vis the while saying apparently to air: "A reform school for L road manners is one of the crying needs of the age."

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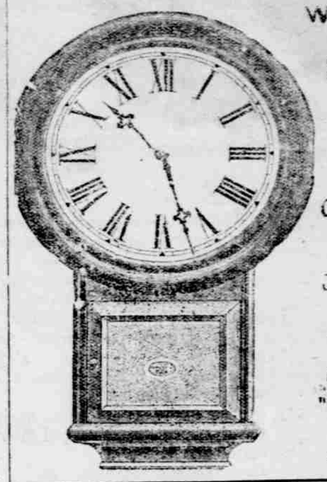

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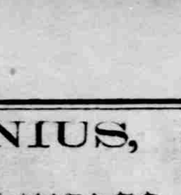

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LOW-NECK CLAMS.

A Wisconsin Man Who Was Out of His Element.

It would be hard to say which a "funny man" likes best, a listener to whom all his jokes are new and "side-splitting," or one of those dull souls who take everything seriously. An ex-governor of Wisconsin, famous as a raconteur, is reported by the Chicago Tribune as having related an anecdote of his own experience with a man of the latter class. The governor was at a clam-bake in New Jersey and after dinner was called upon for a speech.

I started off by saying that I had eaten so many of their low-neck clams that I wasn't in the least sort of condition for speech-making. At that moment a long-faced old man directly across the table scowled at me and said in a stage whisper:

"*Little*-neck clams, *little* necks—not low-necks."

I paid no attention to him and went on with my remarks. After dinner he followed me out of the hall.

"You are from Wisconsin, ain't you?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered.

"You don't have any clams out there, I reckon?"

"Well," said I, "we have some, but it's a good way to water, and in driving them across the country their feet get sore and they don't thrive very well."

He gave me a look that was worth a dollar and a half.

"Why, man alive!" said he, "clams ain't got no feet."

He turned away and shortly afterward approached one of my friends.

"Is that fellow governor of Wisconsin?" he inquired.

"Yes."

"W-e-l-l," said he, "he may be a smart man in Wisconsin but he's a good deal of a fool at the seashore."

BILLIARD BALLS OF MILK.

The Latest Novelty of Science Is a Substitute for Bone.

Another substitute for bone, celluloid, etc., in some of the industrial arts has been brought to public attention, says the New York Sun, the substance in this case being milk, its usefulness being exhibited in the form of combs, billiard balls, brush backs, knife handles and various other articles for which ivory, bone or celluloid are employed. In accomplishing this casein, or the solids in milk, is first reduced to a partially gelatinous condition by means of borax or ammonia and then mixed with a mineral salt dissolved in acid or water, which liquid is subsequently evaporated.

The casein is placed in a suitable vessel and the borax incorporated with it by heat, the proportions being ten kilograms of casein to three of borax, dissolved in six liters of water, and, on the casein becoming changed in appearance, the water is drawn off, and to the residue, while still of the consistency of melted gelatine, there is added one kilogram of mineral salt held in solution of three liters of water. Almost any of the salts of iron, lead, tin, zinc, copper or other minerals, soluble in acid, may be used. On the mixture being effected the solid matter is found separated from the greater portion of the acid and water, and is then drawn off.

Next the solid matter is subjected to great pressure to drive out all possible moisture, and then to evaporate under great heat to remove any remaining moisture. The resulting products, called "lactites," can be molded into any form, and by admixture of pigments or dyes may be of any desired color.

PARALYSIS AND SPEECH.

Singular Mistakes Made by Those Afflicted.

One of the most noticeable results of a slight attack of paralysis is the tendency to substitute the wrong word or even sentence for that which is intended, quite unconsciously on the part of the speaker, who cannot comprehend why he is not understood. To a patient who felt very much discouraged because he asked to have the window shut when he meant to say: "Fetch me some water," Dr. A——, who is a noted specialist in such troubles, says the New York Tribune, related the following incident: "A prominent man in Boston, who had a slight shock but who apparently had quite recovered, wished some nails and sent into a hardware shop to purchase them. 'I want a dozen or so of archangels,' he said to the somewhat mystified clerk. 'We do not keep them, sir,' was the response. 'That is odd,' said Mr. B——, and he went into another shop and asked again for archangels. Again the smiling clerk told him that they did not have them. Quite vexed at his failure to procure such simple things as some small nails, he tried the third time with like result, and finally gave it up in despair. 'I never saw anything like the stupidity of these shopkeepers,' he declared to his wife at dinner. 'I went into three hardware shops after archangels and could not get them.' 'After what?' exclaimed his wife; and it was not until she had exclaimed her astonishment that he realized what a mistake he had made."

A SAWYER ON WINGS.

The Mosquito Described by One Who Knows Him Intimately.

The bill of a mosquito is a complex institution. It has a blunt fork at the head and is apparently grooved. Working through the groove and projecting from the angle of the fork is a lance of perfect form, sharpened with a fine bevel. Beside it the most perfect lance looks like a hand-saw. On either side of the lance two saws are arranged, with the points fine and sharp and the teeth well refined and keen. The backs of these saws play against the lance.

When the mosquito alights with its peculiar hum, its thrusts its keen lance and then enlarges the aperture with the two saws, which play beside the lance until the forked bill with its capillary arrangement for pumping the blood can be inserted. The sawing process is what grates upon the nerves of the victim and causes him to strike wildly at the sawyer.

Literary Work.

As regards literature generally, it may be safely said that no work destined to live was ever produced by a very young man or woman. The greatest poems of Milton and Dryden, of Wordsworth and Coleridge, of Tennyson and Browning, were produced when they were past middle age. The same may be said of the novels of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot and Charles Reade; in fact, as regards fiction, it may be safely said that while a romance or a sentimental poem may be produced by a man or a woman in youth, no picture of life as it is can be drawn until experience aids aptitude and literary labor has achieved style. Therefore the ladies who fail as novelists may find a consolation not to be despised in reflecting that they are altogether too young.

A Run of Hard Luck.

There may be no such thing as bad luck, but it would be difficult to convince an old Johnstown (Pa.) carpenter named D. Yarrington of the fact. At the time of the Johnstown flood he lost one child and all his property. Friends made up a purse for him and he went to Arizona. Here another flood washed away all of his earthly possessions and drowned a second child. He then went to Oklahoma, and there the other day a third flood beggared him and drowned his remaining child.

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ONLY A FEW LEFT.

The American Buffalo Has Become Nearly Extinct.

Colorado the Home of the Remaining Members of Countless Herds—Wanton Destruction of the Animals.

There are about fifty buffalo in existence wild in Colorado outside of reservation Republican. And yet one cannot help wishing frontier justice in matters be speedily dealt out.

It has been generally and frequently stated and published that the American bison, buffalo and bison, have been completely and thoroughly extinct that the general public has come to accept it as a fact and believe that the only specimens are those which have become domesticated and are carefully housed and cared for in the several zoological gardens and parks.

That there are few of them remaining on the plains is certainly true, but there are enough, with proper protection, to soon produce large herds. In the state, where once there were thousands of these animals, their number has been rapidly reduced by hunters, who have slain them simply for the momentary pleasure they have experienced in killing large game, until they now number less than fifty and are in four small herds. These are confined to the remoter and more sparsely populated districts their habitations being a more effective protection to them than all the state game laws ever enacted by the general assembly.

So small had grown the number of these distinctively American animals that in 1889 the state legislature enacted a law providing a severe penalty for the killing of a single specimen before the year 1900, thus allowing a full ten years for them to propagate, but in spite of this enactment word was received but a short time ago that some one in the Komosha range had shot five buffaloes. State Game Warden Land started at once to make a special and personal investigation of the case. While out he has also made an extensive visit through the state, and he has just returned with an interesting account. He is somewhat discouraged with many things connected with the enforcement, or, more properly, the nonenforcement of all the game laws, and predicts that unless something decisive is done, and that very soon, the buffalo will not be the only family wiped from the face of the earth. He reports a most terrible slaughter of all game during the last few months. He was asked in reference to the killing of buffaloes.

"There are now very few of them," he stated, "and these, in our feeble and crippled condition, we are endeavoring to protect. That five of them were killed recently is a fact, but I found that we could not convict the guilty if we brought him to trial. He admitted having killed five of them and boasted of the fact to his friends, but we could find no one, after a careful investigation, who would testify against him, and if he were arraigned he would, of course, say not guilty.

"I judge that we have now in the state something less than fifty buffaloes, and these are in four bunches. One of these has recently been seen in Middle park, and numbers but five, another, and possibly the largest, is in the Komosha range, and numbers possibly twenty. The third, of ten or fifteen head, is at Hahn's peak, in Routt county. The fourth, and the smallest kept that at Middle park, is at Lores."

PROMOTING VEGETATION.

Effects of the Electric Light and the Electric Current on Plants.

A report on the effects of the electric light on plants comes from the agricultural experiment station of Cornell university, where studies have been made of the influence of the electric lamp upon greenhouse plants. The lights were strongly attracted by night, and all leaned at an angle of 30 to 60 degrees to 45 degrees toward lamp. The report says:

"There are a few points which are clear. the electric light promotes assimilation, it often hastens growth and maturity, it is capable of producing floral flavors and colors in fruits, it often intensifies colors of flowers, and sometimes increases the production of flowers."

It is added that the experiments show that plants do not need periods of darkness for rest. "There is every reason, therefore, to suppose that the electric light can be profitably used in the forcing of plants," and the further inference is that "if the electric light causes plants to assimilate during the night, and does not interfere with them, it must produce plants of great vigor and marked precocity."

Experiments have been carried out in France, in Lot-et-Garonne, by M. Barat, in the application of the electric current to the culture of potatoes, tomatoes and hemp. A row of hemp, subjected to the influence of electric current, produced a row of stalks 18 inches higher than those not electrified in the same field. A kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of potatoes planted in the path of the current produced 21 kilogrammes of very large and healthy tubers, while the unelectrified patch only gave 12½ kilogrammes of medium size.

The electrified tomatoes also became ripe some ten days before the others. A curious fact has been remarked by M. Barat in his experiments. If a quantity of manure is near the positive pole, the constituent parts of this manure are transported toward the negative pole, and their effects make themselves felt at a distance of some yards. This would seem to be a fresh proof of the action long advanced upon the part played by electricity in the growth of plants, an opinion also adopted by Mr. Crookes, who has given some attention to these phenomena; this is, that the action of the electric current upon plants seems to consist in the more active dissolution of the organic principles existing in the soil which are thus brought within the reach of the roots.

An Interesting Relic.

A few days ago children, while playing around the church at South Paris, Me., discovered a can of powder under the old edifice. From its appearance the can is supposed to have been under the church since 1774, when it was the property of the colonial patriots to secure their powder in and near meeting houses. In the year mentioned John Bryant, of Berwick, raised a company of men, and going to Fort William and Mary, at Portsmouth, N. H., captured several hundred barrels of powder, part of which was concealed in the old church at Durham, Androscoggin county, and in the next year by the minute men of Lexington and Bunker Hill. It is said that the can found at South Paris is part of the same lot that Captain Bryant seized from the king's men 117 years ago.

Royal Fish.

Throughout the British dominions the sturgeon are royal fish, and when cast ashore belong to the crown. Old times the rule was that the king should have the head of the whale and the queen the tail, because the whalebone, which was useful in her toilette, was supposed to be in the tail; the whalebone being, however, that both the whalebone and the precious ambergris were to be found in the head.